

Mentor Handout 6.5: Highs and lows

[ILLUSTRATION WITH BULLETS BELOW PRESENTED AS SPEECH/THOUGHT BUBBLES]

- I feel like I'm in control of my classroom.
- I feel like I've built really positive relationships with the children I teach.
- I feel like my colleagues trust me as a teacher.
- I get on really well with my colleagues.
- I have survived the year!
- I like being able to plan lessons for myself.
- I've had some really difficult conversations with pupils, but they helped me to get to know them better.
- It never stops – there is always something more you could be doing.
- Parents tell me their child likes me!
- People have told me I'm doing a good job and people treat me like I'm really a teacher.
- Sometimes I feel like I have just so much work to do.
- Sometimes things just don't work the way I planned them.
- [TWO BLANK SPEECH BUBBLES FOR ECTs TO ADD THEIR OWN.]

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