WS 8 Rowley - Greg’s “technically best” friend

1**. Why does Greg sometimes go mad about Rowley?**

* Check his statements and tick the right explanations:

**“Rowley is technically my best friend, but that is definitely subject to change.”**

* Rowley is his friend because he is better at doing technical things like defining subjects and other grammar techniques. 🞏
* Rowley is a friend but not in the emotional way because there are times of stress once in a while. 🞏

**“I have told Rowley at least a billion times that now we are in middle school, you’re supposed to say “hang out, not ”play”.**

* Rowley still behaves as in elementary school because he is a bit behind in developing into a teenager, so Greg finds his behaviour embarrassing in front of others. 🞏
* Greg tries to get across to Rowley that he should behave more “grown-up” and not showing the others that they were still playing like little kids. 🞏

**No matter how many noogies I give him, he always forgets the next time.**

* No matter how many sweets Greg gives Rowley, he always forgets to behave the way Greg wants him to. 🞏
* No matter how often and how aggressively Greg reminds him of not showing childish behaviour, Rowley just doesn’t care because he cannot see a reason why he should. 🞏

**I guess I kind of felt sorry for Rowley, and I decided to take him under my wing**.

* Greg wants to warm Rowley up like a hen does with her chickens because Rowley is always cold. 🞏
* Greg recognizes that Rowley lacks some intelligence and is a bit retarded[[1]](#footnote-1) in his mental development. 🞏

**2. Have a look at page 20. What does the cartoon tell you about the way Greg treats Rowley? Why has Greg befriended Rowley anyways? Write a short comment. Use the information above. It might “come in handy”.**

1. **retarded** *zurückgeblieben* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)