



Steal. All. The. Blue. Marbles.

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People people people! 'Turd' is not part of the word 'skittered!'

Don't make these dumb mistakes! It does *sound* like skittered ends in 'turd'—skit turd—but 'skittered' has nothing to do with turds. 'Skittered' used in a sentence is something like, 'The marbles skittered across the floor.'

And, by the way, if marbles are skittering, it means you've got to—got to—have a *floor*. Marbles, you will come to find in your own experiments, can only skitter across a smooth, hard floor. Carpet and marbles are a total no go. On carpet, marbles just roll once, or maybe just do a part of a roll. Like a half a roll. So write that down: Marbles. Need. Floor.

Holy cows, is there *anything* I don't know since I got here? My knowledge is impressive, right? I think I am very impressive. Eight months here in this San Diego Vector gave me a lot of time to prioritize my smartness, and you can see by my English skills, my in-depth facial expressions, and my overall general realness that it has been the best!

Although I am so so excited to go home! No more awful oxygen breathing! But I have a few wisdom of pearls to give you new students as you begin your time here, whether you ranked this vector first on your list or not. This is why they wanted me to speak to you today: To give you my wisdom of pearls. Like the floor/carpet thing I said earlier. So let's start for real!

Wisdom Number One: For all San Diego people, hair length does not matter.

All San Diego people have different lengths of hair—short, medium, long, really really long—and yet everyone uses the exact same words for describing stuff! I'm not kidding! For instance, people call me by the same English word—'teenager'—even though all these same people have different lengths of hair. It's so totally bizarre! How can hair length not matter?! Whatever. Just write this down: Hair Length. Words. Doesn't Matter.

Wisdom Number Two: Never go in a bank.

Pretty obvious since there's a whole chapter on it in the orientation manual, but they wanted me to remind everyone to re-read it if you haven't read it in a while. To be honest, I personally ignored that chapter—what's the big deal? I went into banks all the time. Banks love me.

Wisdom Number Three: The Pandemic and the Importance of Cardboard Tubes. This third thing is BIG BIG BIG. It took me a while, but I finally figured out that

buying these short cardboard tubes is super important. The most important thing in the whole pandemic, actually. These little tubes are such a big deal, they roll each one in streams of white tissue, around and around and around the cardboard tube to protect it. Tons of white tissue are rolled around each one! It works too, because every cardboard tube I've ever unrolled has been absolutely perfect. (Just throw all the white tissue in the trash; you don't need it.) So write this down: Save. Short. Cardboard. Tubes.

So, there you have it! That's about the three biggest things to remember, so use my knowledge to make your time here better. You are so welcome!! What a big crowd, thank you so much!!

Oh! I almost forgot!! There's one more thing.

Remember to steal all the big blue marbles from the toy stores in the vector. They are the perfect souvenir for the folks back home. No one here will notice that they are all missing until it's too late, I promise. They'll have absolutely no idea. So one more thing to write down: Steal. All. The. Blue. Marbles.

Thank you, and good luck, everyone!

