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This week a student told me that I was always scolding her, that she was my favorite student to scold. I asked myself : Is she right? Then, I analyzed the situation, and even though I do not have a favorite student to scold, I usually ask questions when my students are distracted, so as she gets distracted easily, I may have asked her many times. After that, I thought: Ok, I ask her a lot of questions because she is usually distracted or doing something else, but it can look as if she were my favorite student to scold. I wanted another opinion so I asked my tutor if she thought that I asked this student many questions, and she told me that I usually ask her, so I told her what was happening and she said that a good strategy would be not to ask her but to say in general that the next one who gets distracted will have to answer some questions. So now I know that I do not have to ask questions to all my students when they gets distracted but to warn them about the fact that I may ask at any time. Sometimes we as teachers may be a little bit demanding with our students, so we have to cool down and analyze if our students feel that we are always keeping an eye on them. I am not talking about stop paying attention to what our students do, but not to be too strict because they may feel that you do not like them or that they are your "favorite student to scold" as I was told.

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