Why Won’t My Weird Kids Listen?

a 2011 talk by Graham Mitchell
Juliet: No, no. But all this did I know before. 
What says he of our marriage? What of that?

Nurse: Lord, how my head aches! What a head have I!
It beats as it would fall in twenty pieces.
My back o' t' other side, - ah, my back, my back!
Beshrew your heart for sending me about
To catch my death with jauncing up and down!

Juliet: In faith, I am sorry that thou art not well.
Sweet, sweet, sweet nurse, tell me, what says my love?

Nurse: Your love says, like an honest gentleman, and a courteous,
and a kind, and a handsome; and, I warrant, a virtuous - Where is your mother?

Juliet: Where is my mother? Why, she is within.
Where should she be? How oddly thou repliest!
‘Your love says, like an honest gentleman,
“Where is your mother?”’

Nurse: O God's Lady dear!
Are you so hot? Marry come up, I trow.
Is this the poultice for my aching bones?

from William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*
“Bella,” my mom said to me — the last of a thousand times — before I got on the plane. “You don’t have to do this.”

My mom looks like me, except with short hair and laugh lines. I felt a spasm of panic as I stared at her wide, childlike eyes. How could I leave my loving, erratic, harebrained mother to fend for herself? Of course she had Phil now, so the bills would probably get paid, there would be food in the refrigerator, gas in her car, and someone to call when she got lost, but still...

“I want to go,” I lied. I'd always been a bad liar, but I'd been saying this lie so frequently lately that it sounded almost convincing now.

from Stephenie Meyer’s *Twilight*
Review
7% - words used
38% - tone of voice
55% - nonverbal
deaf ?
Classroom Issues
1) He corrects me.
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what he's thinking
1) He corrects me.

Being incorrect is worse than being corrected.
Tact Filters

(concept courtesy of Jeff Bigler from MIT)
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1) He corrects me.

what he needs to know
1) He corrects me what he needs to know.

Over-simplification is often better than confusion.
2) He interrupts me.
2) He interrupts me.

what he’s thinking
2) He interrupts me. what he’s thinking

“"This is important.""
2) He interrupts me.

what he needs to know

The flow of conversation is more important.
3) He doesn’t pay attention.
3) He doesn’t pay attention.

what he’s thinking
3) He doesn’t pay attention.

what he’s thinking

“I already know this.”
3) He doesn’t pay attention.

what he’s thinking

“I already know this.”
or
“This isn’t worth learning.”
3) He doesn’t pay attention.

what he needs to know

Practice makes perfect.
3) He doesn’t pay attention.

It is okay to boast sometimes.
4) He won’t do what I ask.
4) He won’t do what I ask.

what he’s thinking
4) He won’t do what I ask.

what he’s thinking

“This isn’t worth doing.”
4) He won’t do what I ask. what he needs to know
4) He won’t do what I ask. 

what you need to know

a grade isn’t a compelling reward.
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The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us
Motivators:

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5) He annoys others.
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what he’s thinking
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what he’s thinking

“I’m just talking to my friend.”
5) He annoys others.

what he needs to know

Friendship needs to be symmetric.
Stages of typical relationships:

0. unknown
1. strangers
2. acquaintances
3. friends
4. dating
5. boyfriend/girlfriend
6. engaged
7. married
5) He annoys others.

what he needs to know

Friendship may take some searching.
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