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Good morning, my name is Ben from Class 4C. Scientists at Keele University in England did an interesting study some years ago. It was found that letting out a volley of 'bad language' helps relieve pain. It is what I want to talk about today – foul language.

To start off, I think there is nothing wrong with swearing. It is just a language expression. We judge a person on how he or she uses the language, rather than blame the language itself. People swear out of different reasons. Some people want to show their anger, while some simply want to curse others. Some others think swearing makes them look cool. These may be bad ways of using language. However, some may claim that inserting words of profanities increases solidarity. In other words, they believe that a swear word in-between makes the friendship green. Sometimes when they swear, it is just a slip of the tongue, because swearing has probably become a habit.

Now let's look at the school context. Some students like swearing at school a lot. Unfortunately, swearing in the school campus is certainly not a right way of using language. If you do so, you will receive a demerit for you violate the school rule. While at the same time, we shouldn't swear in the first place. Swearing also gives a bad impression. It is a sign of immaturity. It shows people that you don't have self-control, and that you don't respect people. It also points to a poor communicator or language user. Swear words are handy, but they are just too handy to be put into our speech that we may be considered lacking in vocabulary, or simply too lazy to find a proper alternative. Meaningless swear words limits the effectiveness of communication; 'meaningful' swear words are even worse, as they may agitate our friends, teachers, or even strangers.

We can't swear at school because the school is not a place for people to chat with each other using foul language. If you are outside school and nobody hears you, saying foul language may not cause an immediate problem. However, if we often say foul language, we might form a bad habit. Once a bad habit is formed, it will be so hard to get rid of.

Finally, let me wrap up my speech with an addendum to the scientific study mentioned earlier. Swearing can lessen pain, but the addendum is – only those who don't curse often will benefit from it.

Thank you.