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(Who's not in a band - yet.)

Only draw in
the book if it's
YOURS OK?



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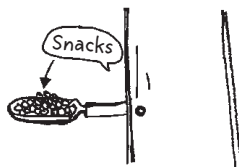
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Derek and Norman are coming over to my house later to write some NEW songs.



It's very important that we don't get distracted by anybody or **ANYTHING** ...

unless it's a snack break. **THAT's** allowed.



We decided to get together for an emergency **DOGZOMBIES** band practice after what happened in school yesterday.

(This is what happened.)

It was break time, and a group of us were chatting about our favourite **BANDS**. (As you do.)



We all agreed that **DUDE3** were the **BEST BAND EVER**. Apart from Marcus, who said,

DUDE3 aren't **THAT** good.



But he was just being awkward (nothing new there). I know he likes them really, because I've seen him at a **DUDES** concert jumping around and **CHEERING**. So I ignored him and said THIS instead:



"How about **DOGZOMBIES**?

We're a GOOD BAND, aren't we?"

I was sort of making a joke, but when nobody answered I thought they hadn't heard me. So I said it again, only much louder this time.

"I MEAN, EVERYONE LIKES **DOGZOMBIES**, RIGHT?"




Derek and Norman put up their hands.



"Of course you both LIKE them - you're in the band," I pointed out.



 "You're OK - not the best band, though. There's loads of bands better than you,"

Indrani told us, which was a bit

HARSH.



"I can't say you're my FAVOURITE band as I

haven't heard you play for **AGES**," **AMY** said, which was true, I suppose.



"I'VE heard you play and you're definitely **NOT** MY favourite band,"

Marcus added.

It just would have been nice if SOMEONE could have said we were a good band.

Then Norman jumped up and started 'shouting'.



"You lot haven't heard **ALL** the **NEW** songs we're writing.

DOGZOMBIES

are going to be **EVEN BETTER** than **DUDES**."




"IT'S **TRUE**," Derek agreed. 



"WE SO ARE!" I added, doing air punches,
while all the time thinking,

WHAT new songs?

Don't tell me - your **NEW** songs are
all about **caramel wafers!** 

Marcus said, like that was a **BAD** idea. 



(It was actually a very **GOOD** idea.)

"Maybe. Maybe not," I told him, being mysterious.

Then Derek kept it all going by saying,

"We've been very busy, and our songs are 


TOP SECRET. So you'll just have to wait to
hear them. But there is ONE thing I can say..."


"What's THAT?" Marcus wanted to know. 


"THEY ARE AWESOME SONGS!"


Derek was managing to make the whole **NEW SONG**
thing sound very exciting. Even I was impressed.

It made me really want to get writing, that's for sure.

Then Marcus told me, 


 "If you DO write about caramel wafers, remember it was **MY** idea, ok?"


"HmMMM,"  I said as Florence began waving her hands in the air to get our attention.

 "Ooh, ooh, I forgot - my favourite band is

One Dimension!

They're **AM-MAZ-ZING!**

 "Yeah! I really like them too," Solid told us, which was a **surprise.**

 "Their **NEW** song is **SO** good, isn't it?" Indrani added.

Then EVERYONE started to talk about **One Dimension** and they all agreed with Florence about what a **GREAT BAND** they are.



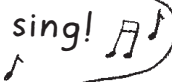


"I know **ALL** the words to their songs," **AMY** said.



"Me too." Indrani smiled and started to **SING**.



Let's **ALL** sing! 

It wasn't long before a **WHOLE** group of kids had gathered round to join in as well.

**LET'S ALL SING
TOGETHER!**



Even Brad Galloway stopped for the singalong like he couldn't help himself.