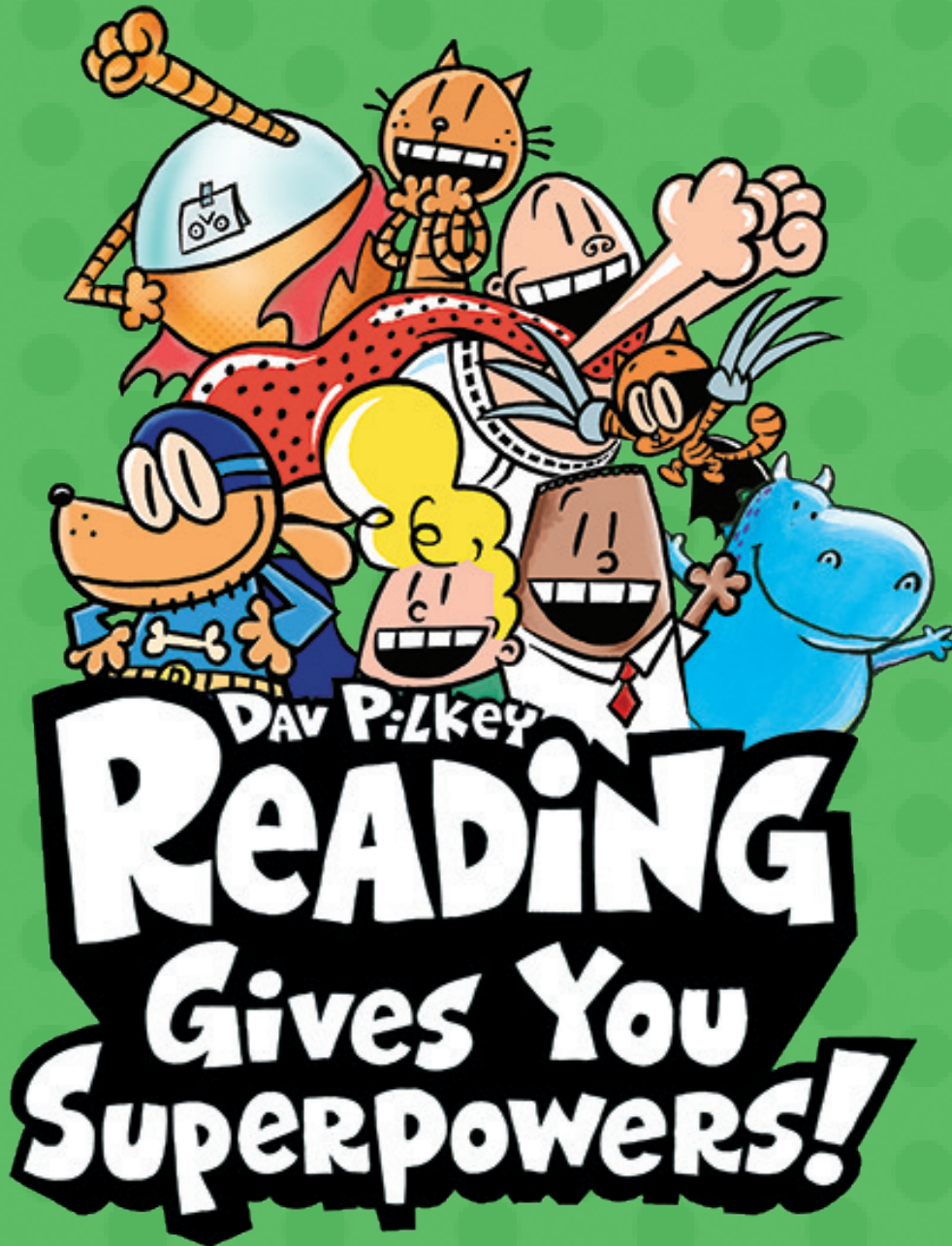


**Encourage and create comics inspired
by Dav Pilkey's Cat Kid Comic Club
and Dog Man series!**



This activity kit includes:

**Story Ideas • Comic Panels • Perspective Drawing • Puppets
And more!**



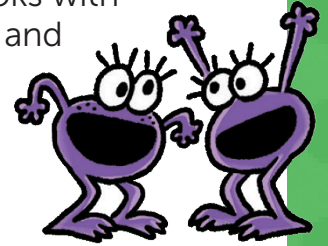
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Dear Educator,

Teaching gives you superpowers—and your students are the better for it! Use the materials in this kit and Dav Pilkey's beloved books to celebrate Reading Gives You Superpowers week and to encourage creativity and imagination all year long. Post your students' work online using the hashtag #ReadPilkey and tag Scholastic to inspire all of us!

REPRODUCIBLES IN THIS KIT

- **DOG MAN AND FRIENDS PUPPETS:** Invite retellings of Dog Man books with puppets so students can demonstrate an understanding of the story and recall key details to describe characters, settings, and major events.
- **STORY IDEAS:** Reinforce parts of speech while encouraging creative brainstorming.
- **TRY, TRY AGAIN!:** Make several copies of this page for each student so they can be free to experiment and try several different story lines without any pressure of perfection. This narrative writing exercise allows students to introduce a character and organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally, as well as use dialogue to show the response of characters to situations.
- **DRAWING WITH PERSPECTIVE:** In addition to a fun art lesson in linear perspective drawing, introduce STEM concepts with this exercise by having students expand upon it by creating one- or two-point perspective drawings of a city skyline.
- **SHOWING EMOTIONS:** Highlight the CASEL 5 Social Awareness competency as students demonstrate empathy and compassion while exploring synonyms for various emotions.
- **LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!:** Invite students to work in groups to either write scripts for their own creative endings for this scene using descriptive details and clear event sequences or to transcribe words and actions from the book to complete it. Practicing teamwork and creative problem-solving is at the heart of the CASEL 5 Relationship Skills competency. Have your student groups perform scenes for other classes!
- **FIND YOUR PURPOSE FLOW CHART:** Here's a fun exercise for kids to zero in on what types of pursuits most appeal to them. Developing interests and a sense of purpose is a key component of the CASEL 5 Self-Awareness competency.



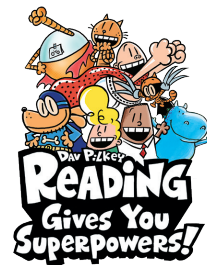
Thank you for all you do to share the joy of reading!





STORY IDEAS

Brainstorm ideas by thinking about what makes you happy!



OBJECTS I LOVE

(Nouns)

ACTIVITIES I LIKE TO DO

(Verbs)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

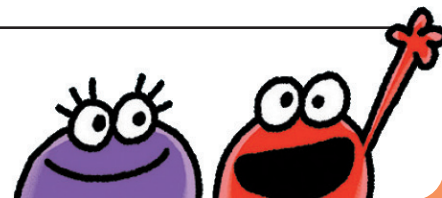
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Now think about how you can mash these ideas together to get a few different story ideas.

A comic about . . . a **giraffe that blows bubbles**? A **laughing cloud**?
Fireflies that love math?

WRITE YOUR IDEAS HERE!



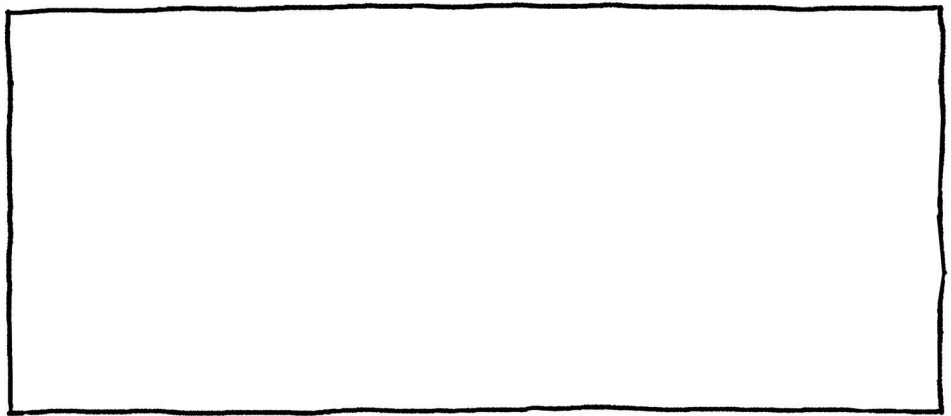
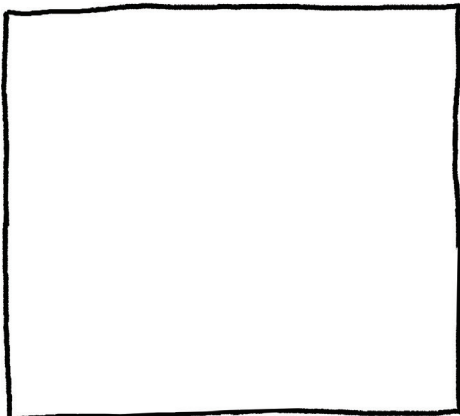
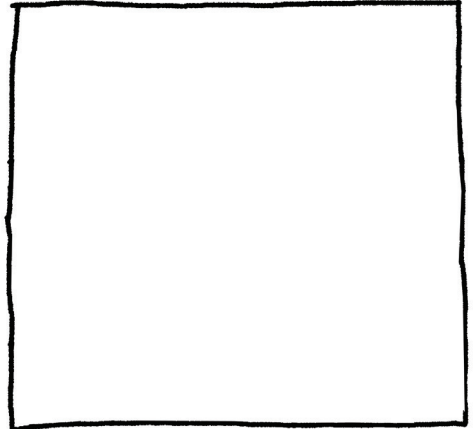
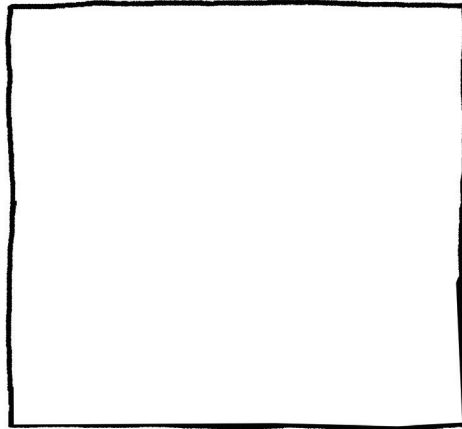
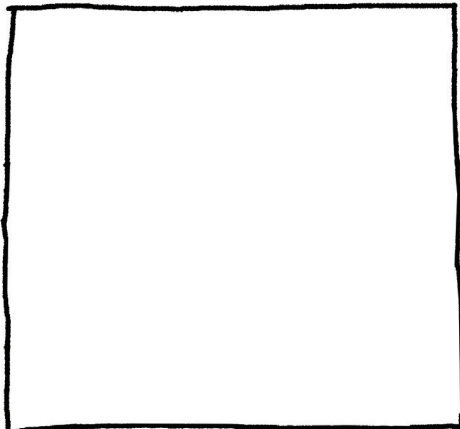
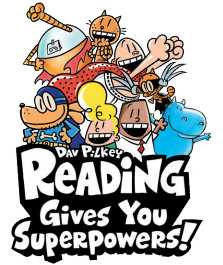


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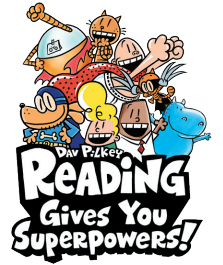
Sometimes we're so afraid of making mistakes that we don't even want to try. But Li'l Petey and Molly want you to make a comic!

Take a story idea from the previous worksheet and try it out!

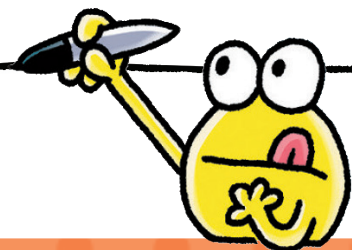
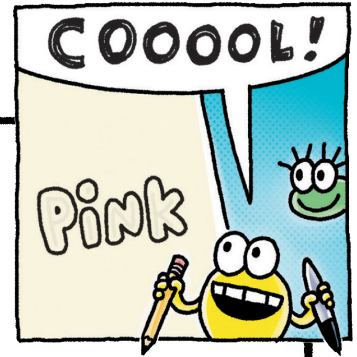
Create a scene for your characters.



DRAWING WITH PERSPECTIVE



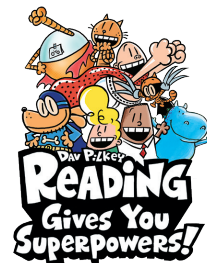
Copy the baby frog Pink and draw your name in bubble letters. Make a dot, called a vanishing point, above or below your name and draw a line, called an orthogonal line, from each of the edges of your letters to the vanishing point. Ta da! Practice perspective drawing with shapes, too!



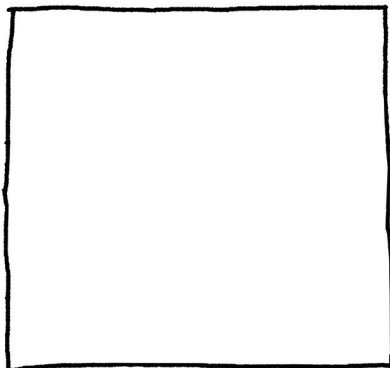
SHOWING EMOTIONS

Create a character and practice drawing faces that show you can empathize—understand their feelings—in the following situations.

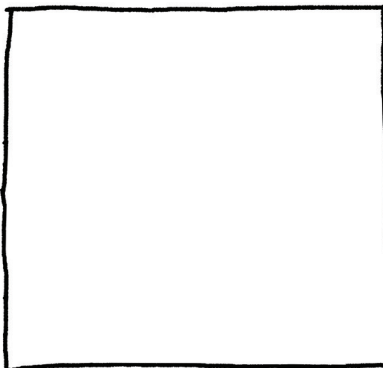
Write two words to describe each emotion.



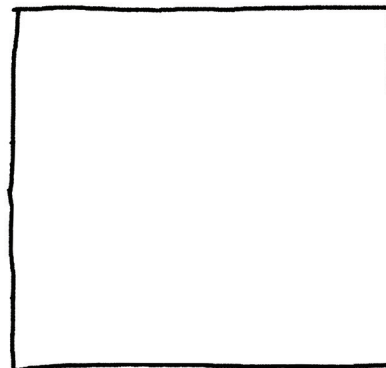
First day at a new school



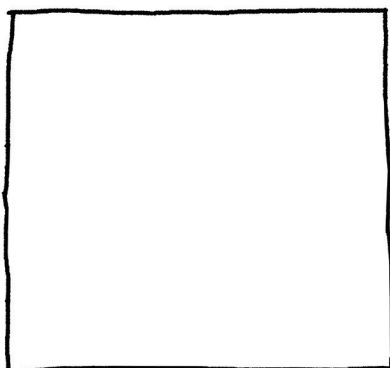
Getting a new puppy or kitten



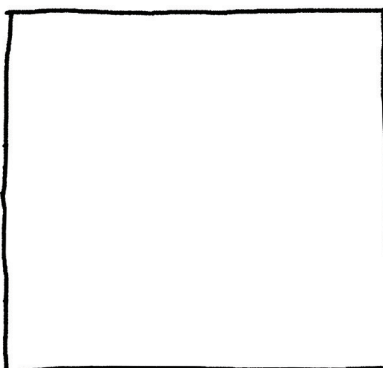
Last one picked for the team



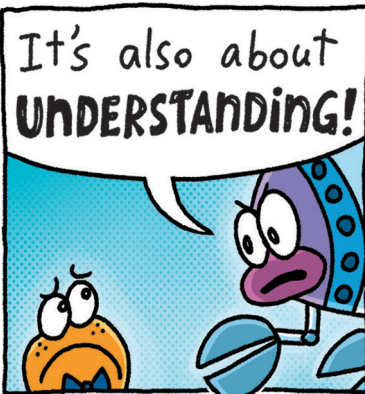
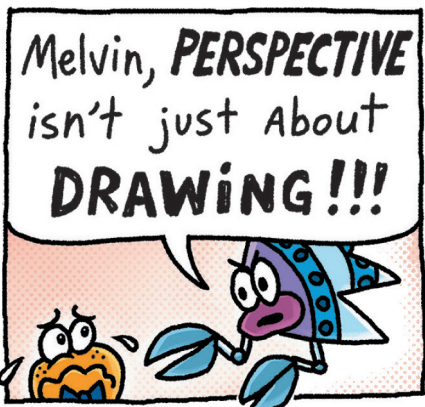
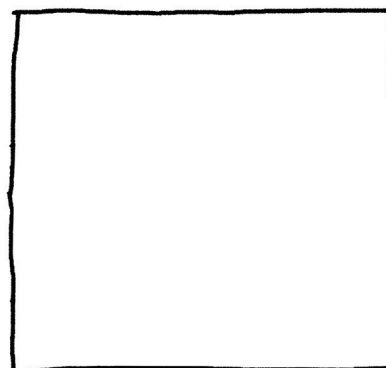
Dropping a tray of food in a busy cafeteria



Guest of honor at a surprise party



Getting an A on a math test





LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



Melvin has sent Naomi's comic, "The Under Werewolves," to a publisher. Naomi shares her comic with the class and tells them that at first, she thought only some people could draw, but while working on her comic, she discovered something important. Write the end of this scene from *Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose*. Then act it out with friends!

Li'l Petey: We have a big surprise! But we can't tell you until

[Molly interrupts Li'l Petey and shouts.]

Molly: Sarah is coming tomorrow!!!

Li'l Petey: Hey! That was supposed to be a surprise!!!

Molly: Sowwy!

[Drake excitedly raises his hand to be called on.]

Drake: Are we gonna be on TV?

Li'l Petey: Yeah, probably!

Flippy: And I expect you children to be on your best behavior!!!

El: Aw, maaaaan!!!

Drake: We're gonna be famous!!! Does anyone want my autograph?

Frida: No.

Melvin: Naomi's the famous one! She's gonna be a published author!

[Naomi leans in to whisper to Melvin.]

Naomi: Psst! And illustrator!

Melvin: And illustrator!

[Kendrick looks at Naomi's comic.]

Kendrick: Did you really draw this all by yourself?

Naomi: Yeah.

Kendrick: Wow! I didn't even know you could draw!

Naomi: I didn't know I could draw, either.

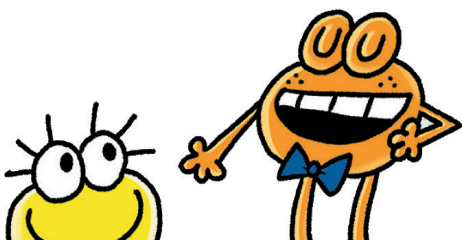
[Naomi stands and extends her right arm straight up and points her index finger skyward.]

Naomi: But then . . . I had a revelation!

YOUR TURN

What was Naomi's revelation about drawing??

Finish the script with **speaking parts**, **sound effects** and *[stage notes]*.

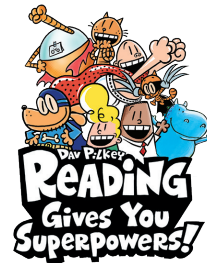


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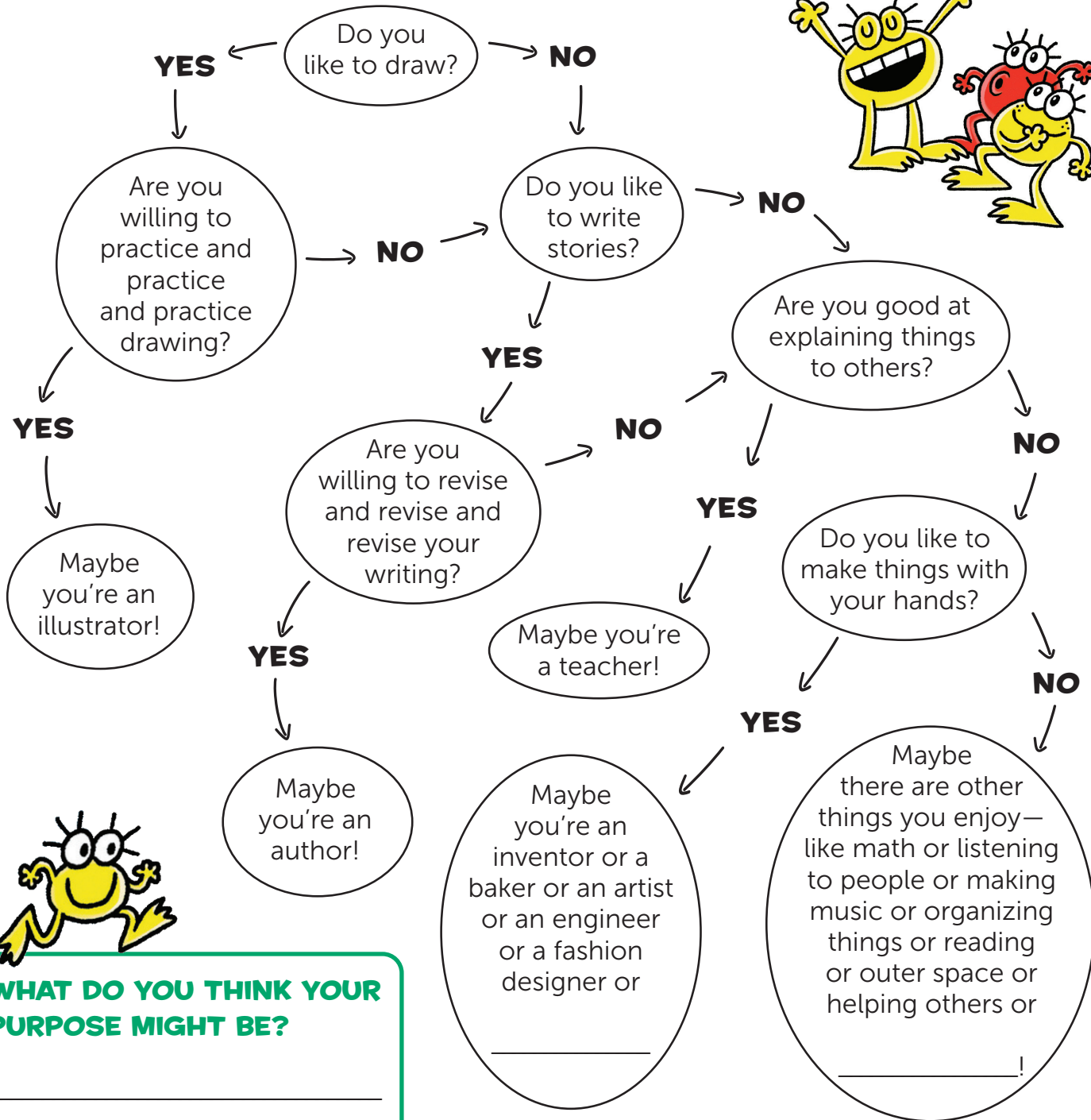
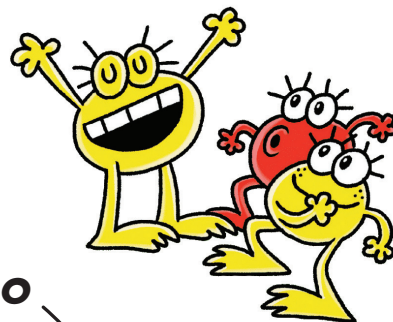


FIND YOUR PURPOSE FLOW CHART



Answer the questions and follow the arrows to find possibilities of what your purpose might be!

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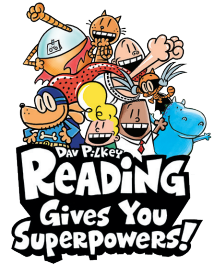


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR PURPOSE MIGHT BE?



You can **find your purpose** in anything you love!

DOG MAN AND FRIENDS PUPPETS



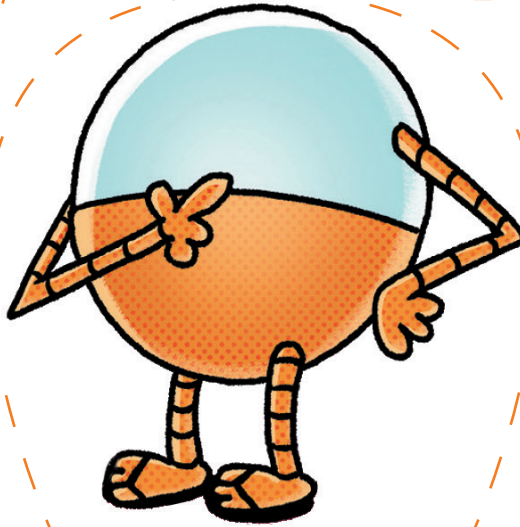
Cut out Dog Man and friends and attach a craft stick to the back of each one. Retell your favorite Dog Man exploits. What new adventures can you dream up for this crew?



DOG MAN



PETEY



80-HD



LI'L PETEY



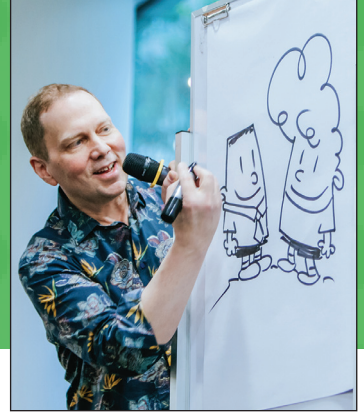
MOLLY

GET INSPIRED by this cool behind-the-scenes video of Dav's creative process!
youtu.be/nVPjclTnoaE
What will you draw or make next?



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“With the Cat Kid Comic Club series, my hope is that kids find joy in reading, appreciate different ways of thinking, and find their purpose as they dream up their own stories.”



ABOUT THE CAT KID COMIC CLUB SERIES

In Cat Kid Comic Club, a pioneering new graphic novel series by Dav Pilkey the creator of Dog Man, Li'l Petey, Flippy, and Molly introduce twenty-one rambunctious, funny, and talented baby frogs to the art of comic making.

The shenanigans are nonstop and the baby frogs' minicomics are funny and full of heart. Creating stories within a story, author and illustrator Dav Pilkey uses a variety of techniques—including acrylic paints, colored pencils, Japanese calligraphy, photography, collage, gouache, watercolors, and much more—to portray each frog's perspective. The kaleidoscope of art styles, paired with Pilkey's trademark storytelling and humor, fosters creativity, collaboration, independence, and empathy.

Readers of all ages will relish this joyful graphic novel adventure.



REVIEWS FOR CAT KID COMIC CLUB

★ **“Irreverent, laugh-out-loud funny and... downright moving, it's a heartfelt celebration of coming into one's own as an artist, with all its frustrations and joys.”**

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ **“Colorful, compelling, and laugh-out-loud funny. Every elementary school library needs this graphic novel.”** —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ **“Pilkey deftly applies his trademark sly mix of revelation and in-your-face zaniness in busy, froglet-filled panels that take advantage of the anthology format to showcase comics' versatility. Mind-bending, in the best possible way.”** —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“A marvelous addition to the Dog Man oeuvre.” —Betsy Bird, Librarian

“If there's one thing that I know that this world needs more of right now, it's more Dav Pilkey.”

—Colby Sharp, Teacher, Founder of Nerdy Book Club



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