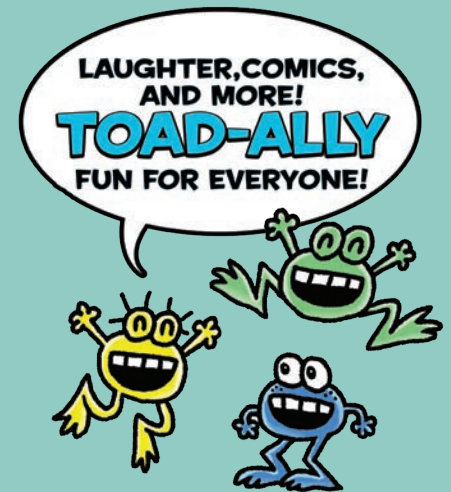
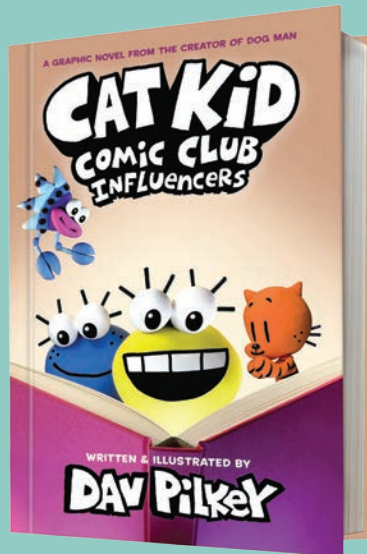


ACTIVITY GUIDE

CAT KID COMIC CLUB

AGES
7 AND UP
GRADES 2
AND UP



REPRODUCIBLES IN THIS GUIDE REINFORCE:
Creativity • SEL Themes • Writing Revision • And More!



"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."

A stylized signature of Dav Pilkey in black ink.



Dear Educator,

All of the books in the Cat Kid Comic Club series offer exciting opportunities to encourage creativity with your students. In addition to exploring writing techniques, character development, art styles, and story arc, the books reinforce important Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) core competencies in the CASEL 5 framework, especially Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Self-Awareness.

The reproducibles in this kit focus on themes found within all of the books in the series, but each one is keyed to a specific title. They encourage students to let go of fear of failure, explore emotions, discover what makes them unique, revise their writing to sharpen their language skills, and focus on being kind. Mix and match the reproducibles to best suit your classroom goals and your students!

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



When Dav Pilkey was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. Dav was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hall every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories. He spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books.

In the second grade, Dav made a comic book about a superhero named Captain Underpants. Since then, he has been creating books that explore universally positive themes celebrating the triumph of the good-hearted.



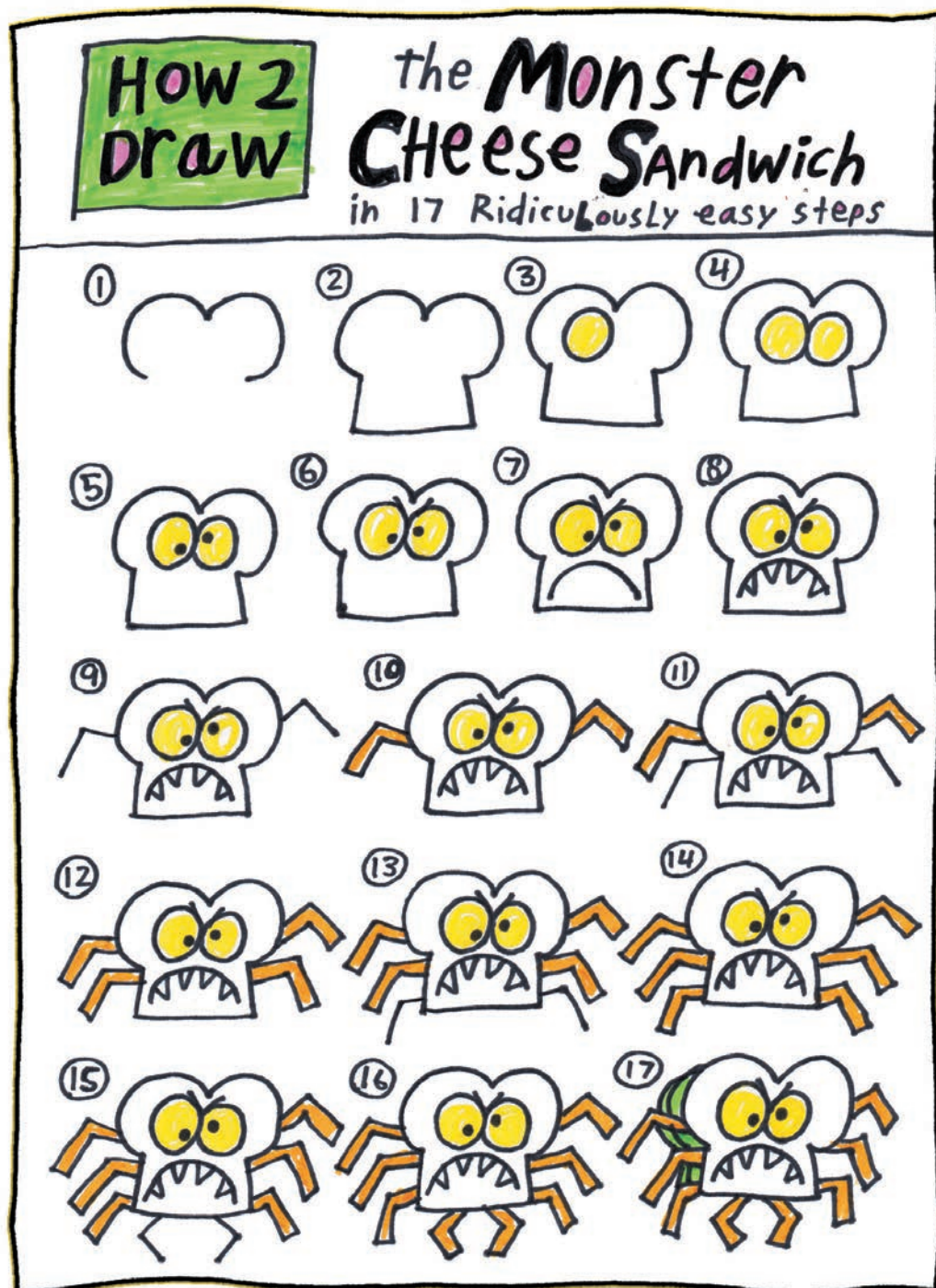
PLANET PILKEY:

You can make a comic,
watch Dav Pilkey
"How to Draw"
Videos, and more at
planetpilkey.com!



GIVE IT A TRY! IT'S OK IF IT'S NOT PERFECT!

You might think you can't draw or make a comic. Molly and Li'l Petey know it's scary to do something new, but the important thing is to try! Start small by following these steps to draw the Monster Cheese Sandwich. Have fun!

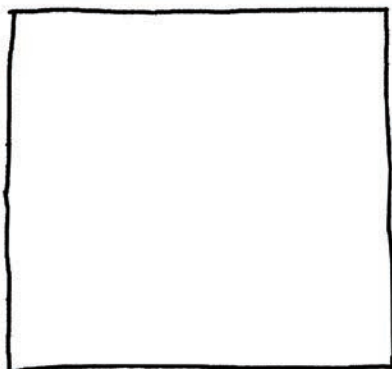


A JOURNEY THROUGH EMOTIONS

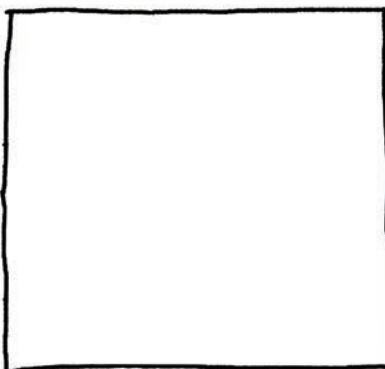
How does someone feel when they get a new pet? What about when their best friend moves away? Create a character and have fun drawing faces that match the following situations. Write two words to describe each emotion.



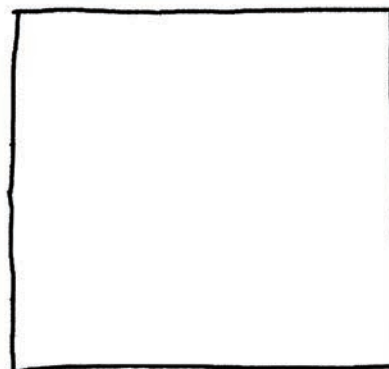
Guest of honor
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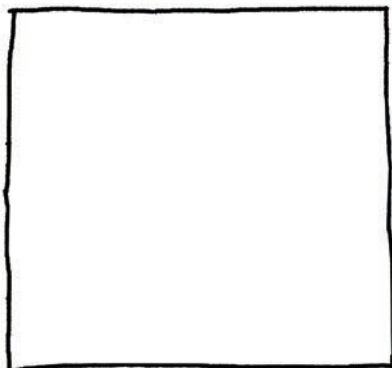
Selected as a
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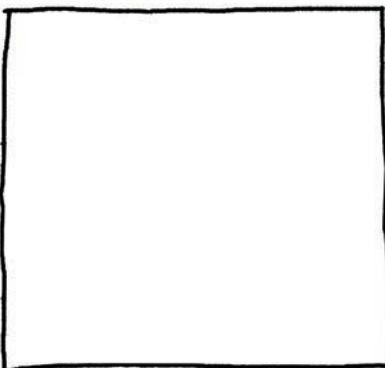
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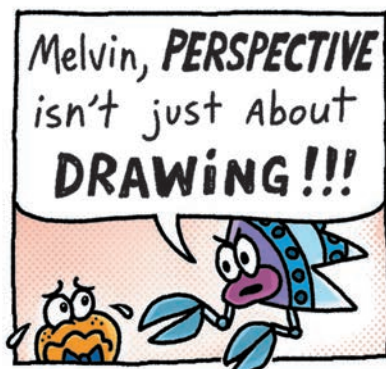
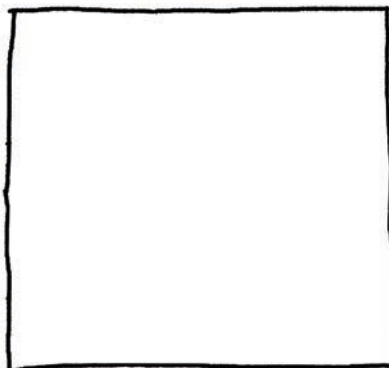
Playing with a
puppy or kitten



Last one picked
for the team



Losing your
favorite toy





JUST BE YOU

Some adults don't like the ghosts and skeletons in Poppy's comic, but Poppy loves them. What you love makes you uniquely YOU. Brainstorm a list of things you like (Ice cream? Giraffes? The solar system?) and the things you like to do (Hopscotch? Make balloon animals? Read?). What ideas from your list would make a good comic?



THINGS I LIKE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

THINGS I LIKE TO DO

1. _____
2. _____
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MY COMIC IDEAS:

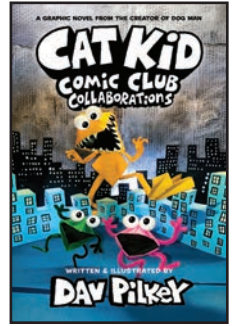


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WRITE AND RE-WRITE!

Even the most successful writers revise or re-write their stories and poems several times to make them the best they can be. Starla loves to write haiku, Japanese poems that are seventeen syllables, divided into three lines of five, seven, and five beats.



STARLA'S HAIKU

Tiny scarlet leaf (5 beats)

Clinging fiercely to the branch (7 beats)

It's time to let go (5 beats)



WRITE YOUR OWN HAIKU!

 (5)

 (7)

 (5)


NOW REVISE YOUR HAIKU. Try substituting words or change where they're placed in each line.

 (5)

 (7)

 (5)


REVISE IT AGAIN! You can even revise and create MORE versions on a separate piece of paper!

 (5)

 (7)

 (5)

Which version of your haiku do you like the best?



FOCUS ON KINDNESS

How we react influences how we feel and how we make others feel.

Being treated with kindness makes us feel good, especially when we make mistakes or face challenging situations. Write or make a comic to show how these scenarios could end up being positive experiences for everyone!



**A TEAMMATE MISSES
THE BALL.**

**A CLASSMATE DROPS
THEIR LUNCH TRAY
IN THE CAFETERIA.**



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TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS LOVE CAT KID COMIC CLUB!



"Cat Kid Comic Club is a popular addition to my third grade classroom library. From friendship to perseverance to creativity to empathy, this series is the perfect way to incorporate SEL competencies using beloved graphic novels. Dave Pilkey's trademark humor shines through with each joyfully crafted and illustrated adventure."

—Shelley DiSalvi-Case, 3rd Grade Teacher and SEL Coach

"[This book will] change the way kids and parents and teachers see comics and graphic novels."

—Colby Sharp, 5th Grade Teacher, Writer, and Nerdy Book Club Co-Founder

"Fans of Dog Man will love Cat Kid Comic Club. My middle schoolers love this series because it brings the humor and fun of Dog Man mixed with the backstory of Pete and his clone, Cat Kid."

—Amanda Hunt, Secondary Lead Librarian & Library Media Specialist

MORE SERIES FUN FROM DAV PILKEY



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