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JOIN THE CLUB TODAY!

A BRAND-NEW GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES BY THE CREATOR OF DOG MAN AND CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

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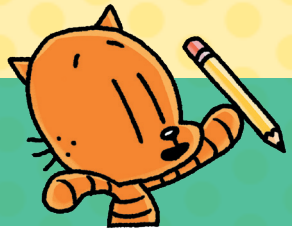

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TAKE THE CAT KID COMIC CLUB PLEDGE

Ready to join the Cat Kid Comic Club? First read the rules.
Then take the official CKCC Pledge and make comics of your own!

RULE #1 WRITE ABOUT STUFF YOU LOVE.

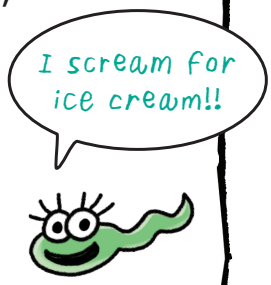
No sense writing about kale soup. (Unless you love kale soup.
In which case, absolutely write about kale soup.)

RULE #2 WEIRD IDEAS ARE GOOD.

A cheese sandwich with pointy teeth, epic space battles, talking frogs—all great ideas.

RULE #3 USE WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

Paper and pencil are OK! But so are pipe cleaners, glue, bottle tops, toothpicks, tape, and cardboard.

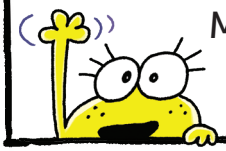


RULE #4 IT'S OK TO COPY.

Practice drawing characters you already know.
Then make up your own characters in your own style.

RULE #5 MAKE UP YOUR OWN RULES.

Maybe there's no gravity so everything floats, or lakes are filled with ice cream—it's up to you!



TAKE THE CAT KID COMIC CLUB PLEDGE

I, _____ , pledge to make comics about stuff I like, no matter how silly, weird, or not-perfect.

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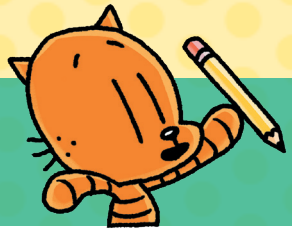

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MAKE UP IDEAS!

Brainstorm ideas for your comic book using the boxes below.

OBJECTS I LOVE
(Favorite foods, toys...)

ACTIVITIES I LIKE TO DO
(At home, outside...)

NOW TRY mashing your ideas together in a few different ways.

A comic about ... a **loud-talking pizza slice**? A **sky-writing firefly**? **Popcorn friends who tell really bad jokes**?

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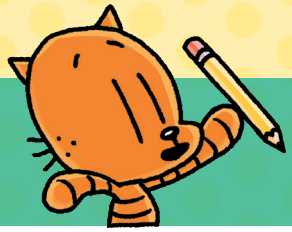

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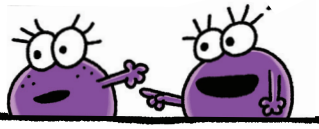
SEEK OUT STORIES

Try interviewing a family member or friend to get inspired.

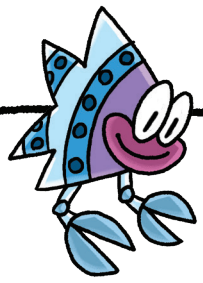


1. Do you have any secret talents?

2. Tell me a funny story from when you were younger.

3. What is the weirdest thing that ever happened to you?

4. What kinds of things make you laugh? Feel happy? Feel proud?



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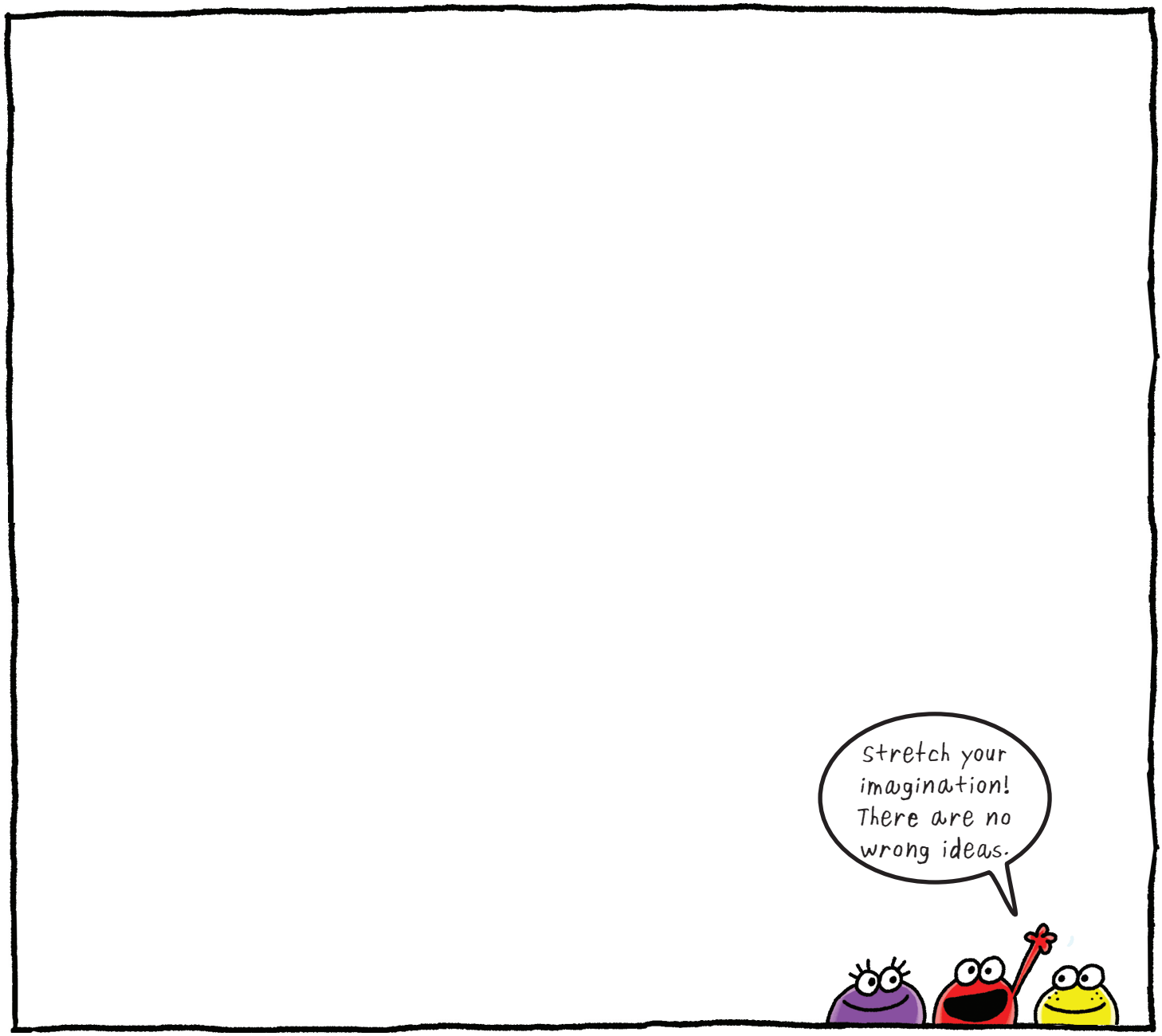
WILD IDEAS

Fill the box with super-funny ideas that wouldn't happen in real life.
Imagine silly characters, weird places, and hilarious adventures.



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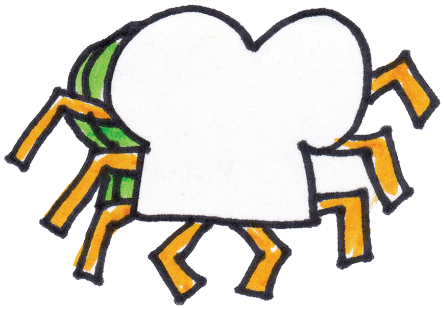
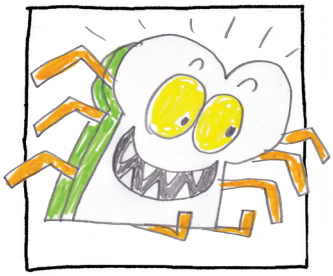
CHANGING FACES

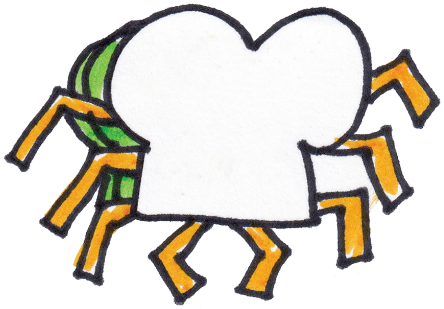
Try copying each of Monster Cheese Sandwich's expressions.

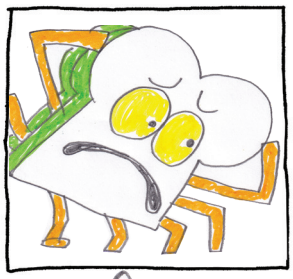
ANGRY
Eyebrows: Pointy V-shape
Mouth: Wide open, big sharp teeth



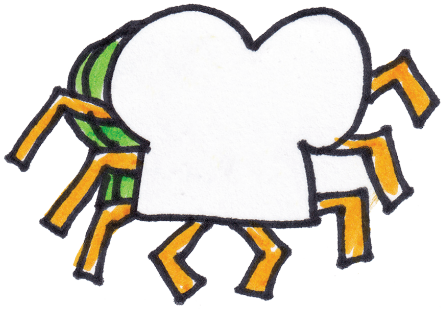


HAPPY
Eyebrows: Upside-down U-shape
Mouth: Wide smile, smaller teeth

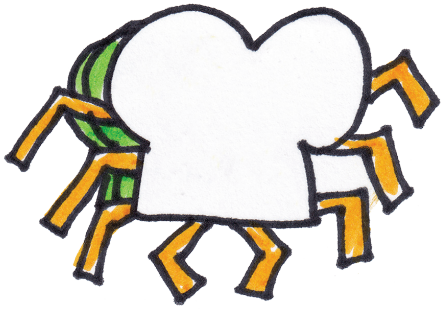




SAD
Eyebrows: U-shape
Mouth: Wide, turned down



SCARED
Eyebrows: Raised, upside-down U-shape
Mouth: Turned down, clenched teeth



NOW YOU TRY.
Mix-and-match mouths, eyes, and eyebrows to see which feelings and expressions you can create!

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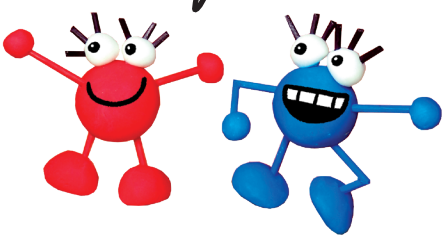
CREATE CHARACTERS!

Design a character or two of your own! Draw your ideas below or put together a 3D creation!

Colored paper + glue + markers = **SQUID KID + KATYDID**

Modeling clay + toothpicks + paint = **BABY FROGS**



Broken action figure + paint + pipe cleaners = **CHUBBS McSPIDERBUTT**

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WHAT IS A HAIKU?

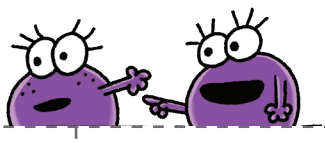
A haiku is a short poem that has three lines.

LITTLE FLOWER BUDS
EVEN IF NO ONE CAN SEE
OPEN ANYWAY

1. The first line of a haiku has five syllables.
2. The second line has seven syllables.
3. The third line has five syllables.

FINDING SYLLABLES

Put your hand under your chin. Say a word, then count the number of times your chin moves down. That's how many syllables the word has!



Cut apart the words below. Put them together to create your own haiku poem!

eats	and	friend	shiny	away
at	seagull	you	but	secretly
together	wing	rough	through	stars
because	it	jumps	too	never
ripple	soft	in	flower	her
the	giggles	tomorrow	whale	wrinkly
warm	over	between	me	glows
sees	brightly	spider	mysterious	toward
with	pickle	him	grows	a lot

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About the Book

★ **"Irreverent, laugh-out-loud funny, and—gosh darn it—downright moving."**
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

In *Cat Kid Comic Club*, a pioneering new graphic novel series by Dav Pilkey, Li'l Petey, Flippy, and Molly introduce 21 rambunctious, funny, and talented baby frogs to the art of comic making. As the story unwinds with mishaps and hilarity, readers get to see the progress, mistakes, and improvements that come with practice and persistence.

Squid Kid and Katydid, Baby Frog Squad, Monster Cheese Sandwich, and Birds Flowers Tree: A Haiku Photo Comic are just some of the mini-comics that are included as stories-within-the-story, each done in a different style, utilizing humor and drama, prose and poetry, illustrated in different media including acrylics, pastels, colored pencils, felt-tip markers, clay, hand-made cardboard sculptures, photographs, pipe cleaners, construction paper collages, and cookies.

Readers of all ages will be inspired to dream up their own stories and unleash their own creativity as they dive into this new graphic novel adventure from Dav Pilkey and his heartfelt, humorous, and amazing cast of characters in the *Cat Kid Comic Club*.

About Dav Pilkey

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 hallway every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories. He spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books—the very first adventures of *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants*.

In college, Dav met a teacher who encouraged him to illustrate and write. He won a national competition in 1986 and the prize was the publication of his first book, *World War Won*. He made many other books before being awarded the 1998 California Young Reader Medal for *Dog Breath*, which was published in 1994, and in 1997 he won the Caldecott Honor for *The Paperboy*. *The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby*, published in 2002, was the first complete graphic novel spin-off from the *Captain Underpants* series and appeared at #6 on the *USA Today* bestseller list for all books, both adult and children's, and was also a *New York Times* bestseller. It was followed by *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future* and *Super Diaper Baby 2: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers*, both *USA Today* bestsellers.

The unconventional style of these graphic novels is intended to encourage uninhibited creativity in kids. His stories are semi-autobiographical and explore universal themes that celebrate friendship, empathy, and the triumph of the good-hearted. Dav loves to kayak in the Pacific Northwest with his wife.

For more fun stuff, visit DAV PILKEY AT HOME at scholastic.com/davpilkeyathome.

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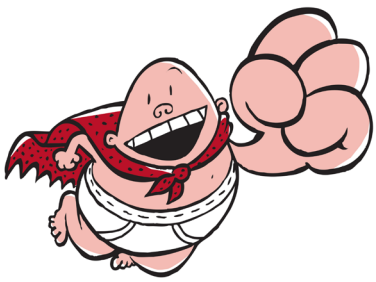

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