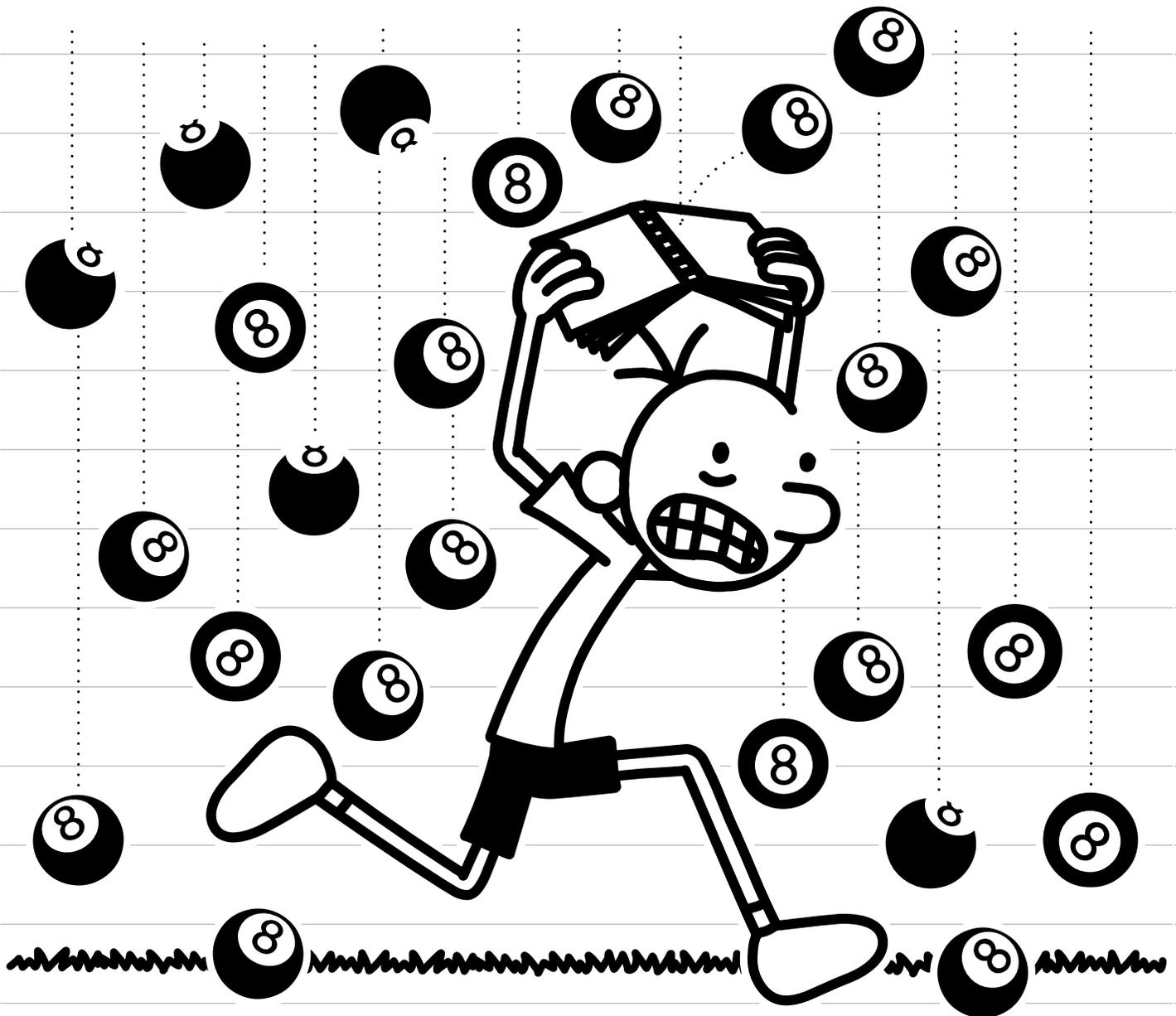


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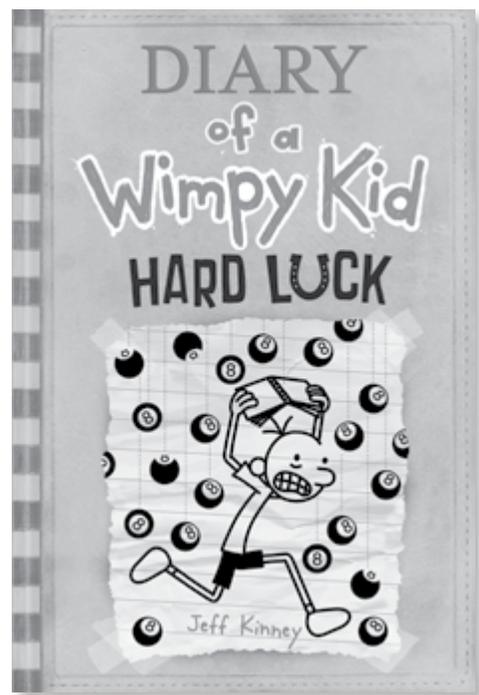
HARD LUCK

AUTHORLESS EVENT GUIDE



GETTING STARTED

Thank you for celebrating the release of the eighth book in the DIARY OF A WIMPY KID series, *Hard Luck*. This Event Guide includes suggestions for games that will help make a successful event. You'll have to gauge the size and age range of your crowd to determine which of these activities will work best, and put the activities in any order you like. You may also reproduce and distribute the accompanying Activity Packet for fans to have fun with right away or to take home and enjoy later.



Some other suggestions to enhance your DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: *Hard Luck* Authorless Event:

Play Dress-up. Encourage fans to come dressed as Greg or any other Wimpy Kid character. Or, have them come dressed in head-to-toe lime green. Arrange a costume parade through your school, library, or store.

Get Drawing. Set aside some drawing time and create a “gallery” with the finished works. Ask fans to draw their favorite moments from the books, come up with their own Wimpy Kid stories, or invent entirely new characters. The goal is to showcase their creativity.

Serve Wimpy Kid-themed snacks. Serve M&M's® that match the colors of all of the books, decorate a cake or cupcakes to look like Greg's head, or serve chicken nuggets and call them “Drummies” and pick a beverage and call it “Rowdy Riot” (see *Cabin Fever*).

There are tons of ways to have fun Wimpy Kid-style. We hope this packet will help you create an event that's fun for everyone—whether the size of your group is four or forty.

Thank you again and have a great time!

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WIMPY KID BINGO

SETTING UP:

WIMPY is a wimpified version of the game BINGO. Photocopy enough copies of the “WIMPY” game board to distribute to everyone at the event.



HOW TO PLAY:

Before you start, distribute one WIMPY game board to each player and ask him or her to write one word, or phrase, from the Word Box in each of the empty board spaces. Players can place them in any box and in any order they choose, but they should not repeat any words or phrases.

To play, ask the players the questions listed below. Each answer corresponds to a word/phrase from the Word Box. Ask the kids to mark the space on their game board that has the correct answer.

The first person to mark off a full row, column, or diagonal line wins! Remember, the middle space is a FREE spot. Check to make sure the answers are correct and award a prize. If the answers are not correct, game play continues until there is a winner.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who bullies Greg and Rowley at the beginning of book six? (*Nasty Pants*)
2. In book one, Greg decides to run for what position in student government? (*Treasurer*)
3. What color is book five? (*Purple*)
4. What's the name of the four-page paper that Greg writes in *The Last Straw*? (*Chimps*)
5. In book seven, who didn't Greg want to get paired up with for ballroom dancing? (*Ruby Bird*)
6. In *The Last Straw*, what did the conversation heard on Rowley's valentine to Greg say? (*Fresh*)
7. What's the name of Rodrick's band? (*Löded Diper*)
8. What's the name of the ride that Greg rides in book four? (*Cranium Shaker*)
9. What is Manny's nickname for Greg in book one? (*Bubby*)
10. In *The Ugly Truth*, what's the name of Rowley's "big brother"? (*Brian*)
11. What does Mom use in book two to reward Greg and Rodrick for doing chores and good deeds and stuff? (*Mom Bucks*)
12. Who comes to stay with the Heffleys in *The Third Wheel*? (*Uncle Gary*)
13. What long lost friend does Greg rediscover in *Cabin Fever*? (*Alfredo*)
14. What is Rodrick's science project about in book two? (*Plants*)
15. Who teaches health class in *The Ugly Truth*? (*Nurse Powell*)
16. What's Rowley's last name? (*Jefferson*)
17. How does Rodrick get caught after throwing a party when his parents were away? (*Picture*)
18. What's the name of Greg's mom's beauty salon? (*Bombshells*)
19. Where do the Heffleys usually go when they go out to dinner? (*Corny's*)
20. What does Greg wrap himself in to stay warm while hiding in the boys' bathroom during swim practice? (*toilet paper*)
21. In *Dog Days*, the scary movie Rowley and Greg watch is about a muddy _____? (*Hand*)
22. Who do Greg and Rowley go to the dance with in *The Third Wheel*? (*Abigail*)
23. What game does Greg like to play in *Cabin Fever*? (*Net Kritterz*)
24. Who's the teacher in charge of safety patrol in book one? (*Mr. Winsky*)

THE "WIMPY" GAME BOARD

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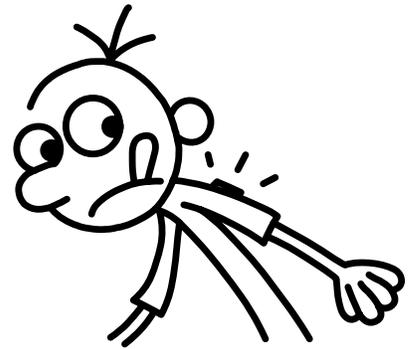
WORD BOX:

Mr. Winsky	Jefferson	Plants	Bombshells
Corny's	Net Kritterz	Hand	Alfredo
Uncle Gary	Picture	Löded Diper	Brian
Purple	Abigail	Nurse Powe	Chimps
toilet paper	Ruby Bird	Treasurer	Mom Bucks
Cranium Shaker	Fresh	Nasty Pants	Bubby

THE NAME TAG GAME

SETTING UP:

Cut out the name tags below and tape one name tag on the back of each player. Players should not be told what it says on their name tag. Please photocopy this page if you have a larger group.



HOW TO PLAY:

The object of the game is for players to figure out which book character they've been assigned. Players should go around the room and talk to one another asking Yes or No questions to figure out who they are— for example, “Am I best friends with Rowley?” When a player discovers who they are, they can step out of the game. The goal is not to be the last person remaining.

EASY

MEDIUM

HARD

Greg	Gramma	Abigail
Rowley	Collin	Joshie
Manny	Rowley's Dad	Alex Aruda
Rodrick	Patty Farrell	Isabella
Fregley	Ruby Bird	Nasty Pants
Frank (Dad)	Uncle Gary	Baylee Anthony
Susan (Mom)	Bryce Anderson	Mamadou
Grampa	Chirag	Bill

THE SECRET WORD GAME

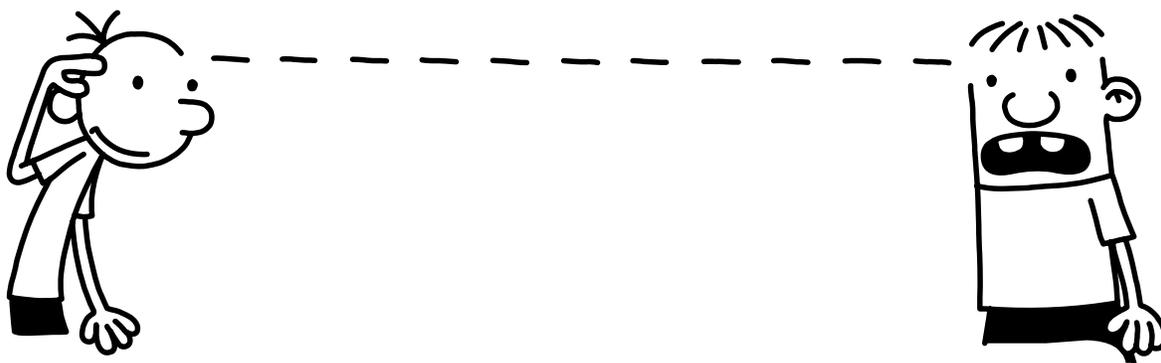
SETTING UP:

This game can be played in a group of up to eight players. If you have a large group, select random people from the audience to participate, and bring them to the front of the room. If you have a small group, everyone can play. First, cut out the cards on the next three pages. Then, divide the participants into two teams and hand out a stack of cards to each team.

HOW TO PLAY:

One team is selected to go first. A player from that team is designated as the first Reader. The Reader's job is to convey the "secret word" at the top of the card in a way that will allow his or her teammates to guess what the secret word is. The trick is that the Reader is not allowed to use any of the forbidden words printed on the card. The moderator must look over the Reader's shoulder to make sure he or she doesn't say any of the forbidden words. If the Reader says a forbidden word, he or she loses a point and must move on to the next card. The Reader has one minute to convey as many secret words as possible. Once the minute is up, the Reader's score is tallied and the points go to the Reader's team. Then the next team gets a turn using their stack of cards. A new Reader is picked every time a team has a new turn. The game ends once everyone has had a chance to go or once the cards run out, and the team with the highest number of points wins.

If this game is played in front of a large group, it would be best for the moderator to write the secret word on an easel that everyone in the audience can see, so as to make it more fun for non-playing participants.



THE SECRET WORD GAME (CARDS)

SECRET WORD

Fregley

FORBIDDEN WORDS

weird
strange
freckle
glasses
hygiene

SECRET WORD

diary

FORBIDDEN WORDS

book
journal
wimpy
kid
red

SECRET WORD

Joshie

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Rowley
singer
dreams
music
respect

SECRET WORD

Greg

FORBIDDEN WORDS

wimpy
kid
character
Rowley
cover

SECRET WORD

cheese

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Rowley
eat/ate
playground
Swiss
Cheddar

SECRET WORD

Corny's

FORBIDDEN WORDS

family-style
tie
buffet
ball-pit
Manny

SECRET WORD

Abigail

FORBIDDEN WORDS

dance
Corny's
Brown
Rowley
Girl

SECRET WORD

Sweetie

FORBIDDEN WORDS

canine
mutt
pet
dog
Dad

SECRET WORD

Holly

FORBIDDEN WORDS

girl
crush
Greg
love
hair

THE SECRET WORD GAME (CARDS)

SECRET WORD

Gammie

FORBIDDEN WORDS

reunion
grandma/grandmother
letters
Heffley
Greg

SECRET WORD

wrestling

FORBIDDEN WORDS

WWE
pin
gym
Patty
Greg

SECRET WORD

Rodrick

FORBIDDEN WORDS

brother
Löded Diper
band
drummer
van

SECRET WORD

Alfredo

FORBIDDEN WORDS

doll
basement
Greg
lost
grapefruit

SECRET WORD

Ploopy

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Manny
Greg
Mom
word
name

SECRET WORD

Easter

FORBIDDEN WORDS

holiday
bunny
chocolate
egg
Gammie

SECRET WORD

soccer

FORBIDDEN WORDS

game
ball
play
goal
sport

SECRET WORD

Thanksgiving

FORBIDDEN WORDS

holiday
turkey
family
November
eat

SECRET WORD

Drummies

FORBIDDEN WORDS

chicken
holiday
bazaar
grocery
Greg

THE SECRET WORD GAME (CARDS)

SECRET WORD

Manny

FORBIDDEN WORDS

brother

Greg

little

Bubby

three

SECRET WORD

Stealthinator

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Greg

ninja

pictures

locker room

headband

SECRET WORD

Ruby

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Bird

bite

Fregley

dance

girl

SECRET WORD

Isabella

FORBIDDEN WORDS

maid

snacks

laundry

notes

Mom

SECRET WORD

Rowley

FORBIDDEN WORDS

friend

Zoo-Wee Mama

Greg

cheese

Joshie

SECRET WORD

Valentine

FORBIDDEN WORDS

card

heart

February

holiday

note

SECRET WORD

Bubby

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Manny

nickname

Greg

play

little

SECRET WORD

headgear

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Greg

dentist

overbite

teeth

pamphlet

SECRET WORD

Jerome

FORBIDDEN WORDS

lips

red

Do-It-Yourself

incredibly

beard

THE “WIMPY KID” TRIVIA GAME

HOW TO PLAY:

A moderator should read the questions while a spotter watches for kids raising their hands.



1. Who wins “Athlete of the Month” in book one? (*P. Mudd*)
2. What’s Manny’s nickname for Greg? (*Bubby*)
3. What’s the name of the Heffleys’ maid in book five? (*Isabella*)
4. Whose picture is all over Gramma’s refrigerator? (*Manny’s*)
5. What would Greg rather do than swim team in book two? (*water jazz*)
6. What is Uncle Gary’s fiancée’s name in book five? (*Sonja*)
7. What is Holly Hills’s sister’s name? (*Heather*)
8. Which author is Greg most afraid of? (*Shel Silverstein*)
9. What’s the name of the lawn care company that Greg and Rowley start in order to make money in book four? (*V.I.P. Lawn Service*)
10. Who took Mr. Craig’s dictionary in *The Last Straw*? (*Alex Aruda*)
11. What’s Abigail’s last name? (*Brown*)
12. Who does Greg pretend doesn’t exist in book two? (*Chirag*)
13. In *Cabin Fever*, what homemade doll from her childhood does Mom introduce to the family? (*Santa’s Scout*)
14. What was the name of Mr. Heffley’s dog when he was a kid? (*Nutty*)
15. In what section of Corny’s does the Heffley family sit because of Manny? (*Children’s Alley*)
16. In *The Ugly Truth*, Greg’s school announces a special fundraiser for the music program called a_____? (*Lock-In*)
17. Who did Ruby Bird get paired with for the ballroom dancing unit in Phys Ed? (*Fregley*)
18. What word in the boys’ health class video makes Rowley pass out in book 5? (*perspiration*)
19. Who gifted Greg with a pair of Wonder Woman Underoos? (*Uncle Charlie*)
20. In *Rodrick Rules*, Rodrick fills in for a sick drummer in what local show? (*Community Follies*)
21. What’s the name of the dental hygienist Greg is “TOTALLY in love with” in *The Ugly Truth*? (*Rachel*)
22. Who played Dorothy in the school production of “The Wizard of Oz” in book one? (*Patty Farrell*)
23. What do the Heffleys name their dog in book four? (*Sweetie*)