

1 JENNY: (*Excited*) That's cool! A real nasty one with a patch  
2 and a sword and lots of blood?  
3 MOLLY: No, the pretty one from *Pirates of the Caribbean*. You  
4 know, Elizabeth. I have this beautiful long white dress  
5 with a beautiful gold coin necklace and —  
6 JENNY: I don't believe you. You aren't going to be a pirate.  
7 You're going to be a princess.  
8 MOLLY: She wasn't a princess, she was a pirate. At least  
9 she was once she married that handsome Orlando  
10 Bloom.  
11 JENNY: You're absolutely hopeless. Don't you understand  
12 that Halloween is supposed to be scary, nasty stuff with  
13 blood and guts and ghosts and things like that?  
14 MOLLY: It is not. You only think it is. It can be anything you  
15 want it to be, and I like dressing up pretty. What's wrong  
16 with that? When else am I going to be able to wear  
17 something pretty like that?  
18 JENNY: I guess you're right. I like the gross stuff. You know,  
19 like the haunted houses, the bloody chainsaws, and the  
20 scary music.  
21 MOLLY: And I like the cute babies in pumpkin costumes and  
22 the hayrides and all that candy.  
23 JENNY: (*Eyes light up.*) Oh yeah, baby, the candy! Does it  
24 really matter what we wear? As long as we get the  
25 candy!  
26 MOLLY: That's right. So you go ahead and be as gross as  
27 you want and I'll be as pretty as I can, and I'll meet you  
28 at six o'clock on Friday so we can go trick-or-treating.  
29 JENNY: I only have one request.  
30 MOLLY: What's that?  
31 JENNY: Don't wear glass slippers or anything. Wear  
32 comfortable shoes.  
33 MOLLY: Why?  
34 JENNY: So we can hit every house in the neighborhood that  
35 has a light on the front porch!

## 37. The Band

**Topic:** Band members try to select a name for their band.

**Cast:**

ANN: the leader, full of energy

JASON: not real hopeful about the band's future

CHERI: trying to be helpful

TERRY: disillusioned

MIKE: comic relief

1 (*Scene opens with ALL sitting around. Musical instruments*  
2 *can be held or in view but are not audibly played during*  
3 *scene.*)  
4 ANN: Come on, guys, we've got to pick a name for our band,  
5 like, yesterday.  
6 JASON: What's the rush? It's not like we have a big music  
7 video to film or anything.  
8 CHERI: Well, we might get one if we have a really cool name.  
9 Everyone knows how important the power of suggestion is.  
10 TERRY: (*Discouraged*) Oh, give me a break. We can call  
11 ourselves Purple Snot and we wouldn't get a gig.  
12 MIKE: (*Trying to lighten the mood*) Wait a minute, Purple  
13 Snot. I think that's a perfect name for the band.  
14 CHERI: You've got to be kidding.  
15 JASON: Of course he's kidding. I think that name's already  
16 taken, anyway.  
17 ANN: (*Trying to be serious*) I think we should put some  
18 thought into this. What's a great band without a great  
19 name? Where would Black Sabbath be without such a  
20 terrific name like that?  
21 TERRY: (*Not convinced*) I think that's a horrible name. It's  
22 the music that counts, not the name.  
23 MIKE: I agree. Who cares what we call ourselves if our  
24 music is good?

1 CHERI: You guys are totally wrong. A name is super  
 2 important. Come on, give out some suggestions.  
 3 ANN: OK, here's one — Pastel Vibrations.  
 4 JASON: Good grief, what a girly name.  
 5 ANN: All right, smart aleck, you come up with one.  
 6 JASON: All right. OK, here's a great name — Dashing  
 7 Turtles.  
 8 MIKE: I like Pastel Vibrations better than Dashing Turtles.  
 9 Does that make any sense to anyone?  
 10 TERRY: There are some really bizarre names out there for  
 11 bands and things.  
 12 CHERI: Yeah, did you ever think about some of the names  
 13 for professional ball teams? Like Florida Marlins. That's  
 14 a fish. What's a fish got to do with baseball?  
 15 JASON: What's an oriole got to do with baseball or a raven  
 16 with football? It's supposed to represent a place, not tell  
 17 how good the team is. Otherwise they'd name their  
 18 teams like The New York Bad-Attitude-but-Rich-Team-  
 19 Winners.  
 20 ANN: Can we *please* get back to the band name? Who cares  
 21 about ball team names? We need suggestions for our  
 22 band. Come on, Terry, you're creative. Think of  
 23 something.  
 24 TERRY: How about the Green Hornets?  
 25 MIKE: Uh, taken. Don't you ever go to the movies?  
 26 TERRY: *(Throws hands up in frustration.)* Well, I don't know!  
 27 CHERI: All right, let's try to link the name to us personally.  
 28 We're all really cool, good-looking kids from Baltimore.  
 29 How about The Baltimore Blue Band?  
 30 MIKE: Where did *blue* come from?  
 31 CHERI: I don't know. It goes with *Baltimore* and *Band*.  
 32 ANN: You guys aren't even trying. Mike, come up with  
 33 something.  
 34 MIKE: All right. Cheri is right about linking it to us. How  
 35 about The Gifted Geeks?

1 JASON: Speak for yourself, geek. What an awful name.  
 2 ANN: We are getting nowhere. I guess we should all think  
 3 about it and try this again another time.  
 4 MIKE: You're right. We'll try again later. We have more  
 5 important things to decide right now anyway.  
 6 TERRY: Such as what?  
 7 MIKE: Have we decided which one of us is going to try to  
 8 learn to play an instrument?