

- 1 automatically OK?
- 2 PAT: No, I'm just comfortable with myself. Who I am now,
- 3 Where I am. I don't need to do what you're doing.
- 4 JO: Well, I like where I am right now and I'm going to stay
- 5 this way! See you later, pudgy! (*JO turns away and jogs*
- 6 *Off-Stage.*)
- 7 PAT: Pudgy? Who are you calling pudgy? Hey, wait up! Bet
- 8 I can beat you around the block!

Enthusiastic

Introduction

Enthusiasm is good, but let's be reasonable, OK? In this scene, a teacher-sponsor interviews a slightly wired prospective cheerleader.

- 1 PAT: Jo! Jo, come over here and have a seat. You did great!
- 2 JO: Thanks, Mrs. May. (*JO immediately strikes a pose and*
- 3 *then continues doing cheers. Cheerleader loud*) Push 'em
- 4 back! Push 'em back! Waaaay back!
- 5 PAT: My, Jo, I must say, that was the most enthusiastic
- 6 tryout I think we've ever had.
- 7 JO: Really? Great. (*Another yell*) Goooo, Cadets!
- 8 PAT: Ah, yes. Well, now, there's something we need to run
- 9 over before —
- 10 JO: (*Another yell*) Rrrrun-run-run it in! (*Normal voice*) Sorry.
- 11 I'm a little worked up.
- 12 PAT: Yes ... as I was saying, we need to run over some
- 13 things before you can become a cheerleader.
- 14 JO: (*Another yell*) Through the air, on the ground, goooo
- 15 team!
- 16 PAT: OK, Jo. You can stop now. Thanks. The auditions are
- 17 over.
- 18 JO: I know, but, (*In cheer voice*) our team has got to go-go-
- 19 go!
- 20 PAT: Jo, are you OK?
- 21 JO: (*In cheer voice*) Whatdya think? Whatdya think? Put 'em
- 22 in the kitchen sink!
- 23 PAT: (*In a worried voice*) Joooo?
- 24 JO: (*In cheer voice*) We're OK, we're OK! Take that ball the
- 25 other way!

1 PAT: Let me guess, you hyped up on Red Bull before you
 2 tried out, right? How many cans?
 3 JO: *(A little cry)* Yes! *(Then, in cheer voice)* Five, five, alive! We
 4 don't take no stinkin' jive!
 5 PAT: Five cans, huh? Whoa. *(Gets out cell phone and dials.)*
 6 I'm calling your parents.
 7 JO: *(In cheer voice)* Don't wanna lose, don't wanna flop, call
 8 me some help, 'cause I can't stop!

Fired

Introduction

Think your day's been bad? Wait until you hear about PAT's!

1 PAT: *Aaaagh!* Mom, this is the worst day of my life! I've
 2 dreamed of being a Disney mermaid all my life, and
 3 when I finally get to be one, I get fired!
 4 ROBIN: Fired? You got fired? Honey, what happened?
 5 PAT: It was my costume. Maybe I got the wrong suit — I
 6 don't know. It just came apart!
 7 ROBIN: Came apart? You mean your mermaid outfit?
 8 PAT: Yeah. Right in the middle of the Swoop Maneuver!
 9 ROBIN: The Swoop Maneuver?
 10 PAT: You know. That part where we have to do that quick
 11 deep-divey move thing, and then that little twisty move,
 12 and then we all shoot back up to the top? Well, when I
 13 did it, the whole outfit just peeled off of me like I was a
 14 banana!
 15 ROBIN: How awful!
 16 PAT: And that's not even the worst of it! We were doing a
 17 special performance for the Vienna Boy's Choir! So there
 18 I was, shooting straight up for the top when I suddenly
 19 felt wetter than usual and I looked down and my — my
 20 — my tail was gone!
 21 ROBIN: Oh, dear! What did you do then?
 22 PAT: I screamed! Except you can't scream under water so I
 23 inhaled about a gallon of water, and I thought I was
 24 going to drown, but it was too late!
 25 ROBIN: Too late?