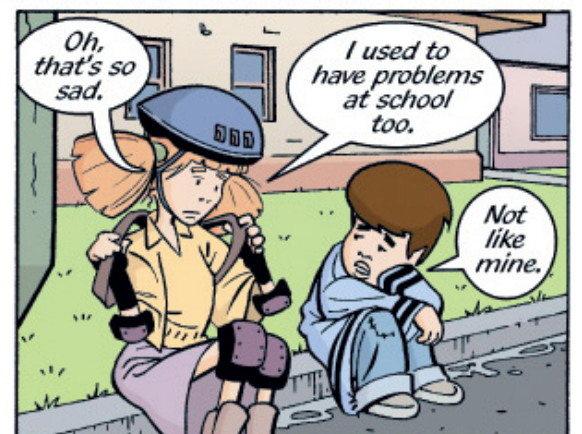
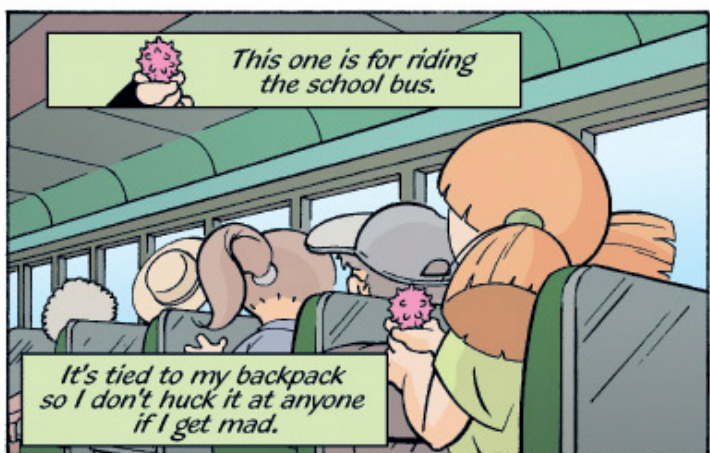
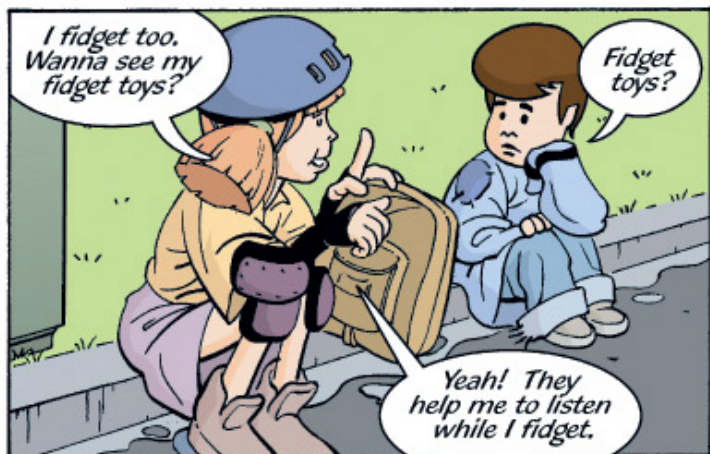
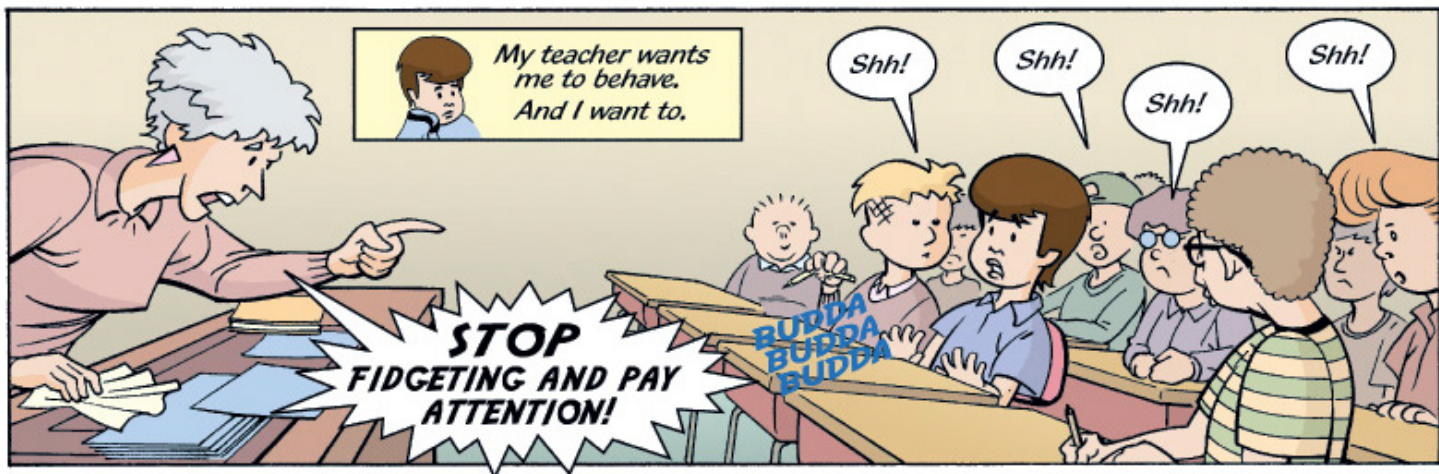
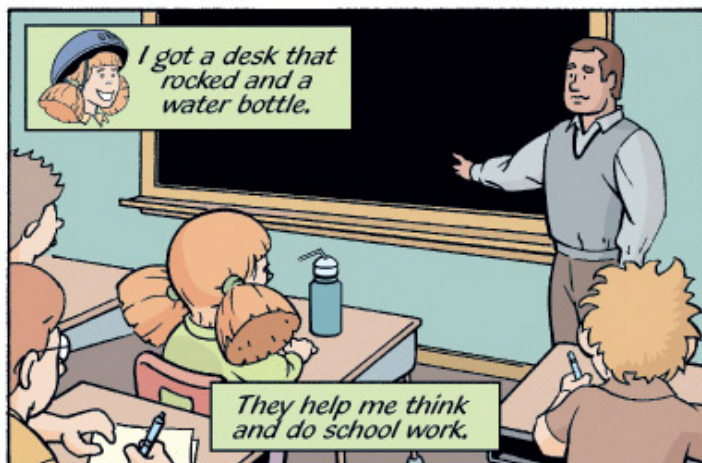
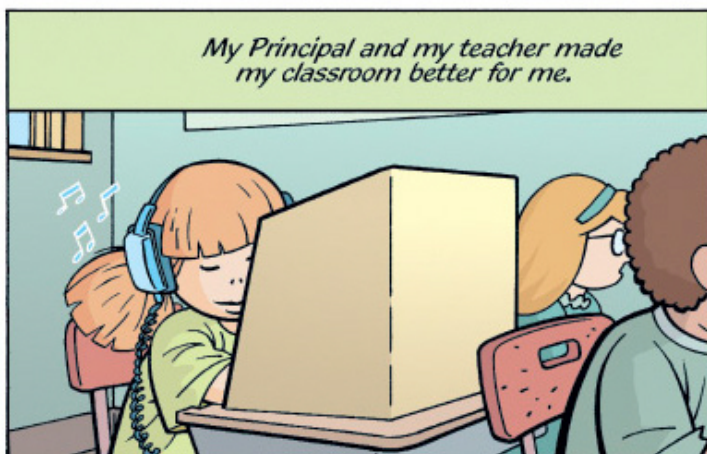
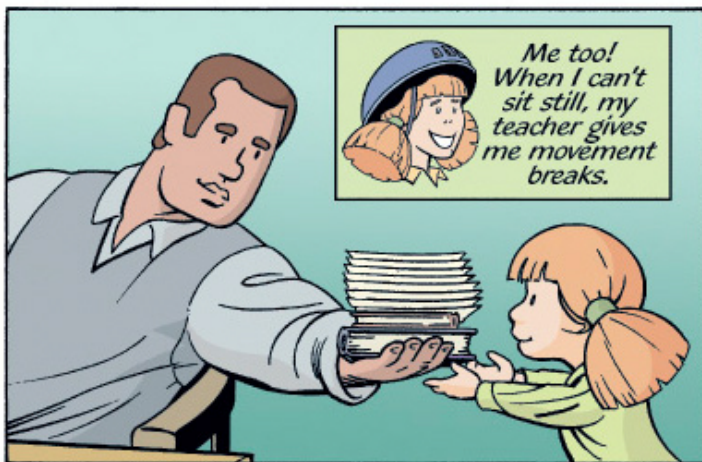
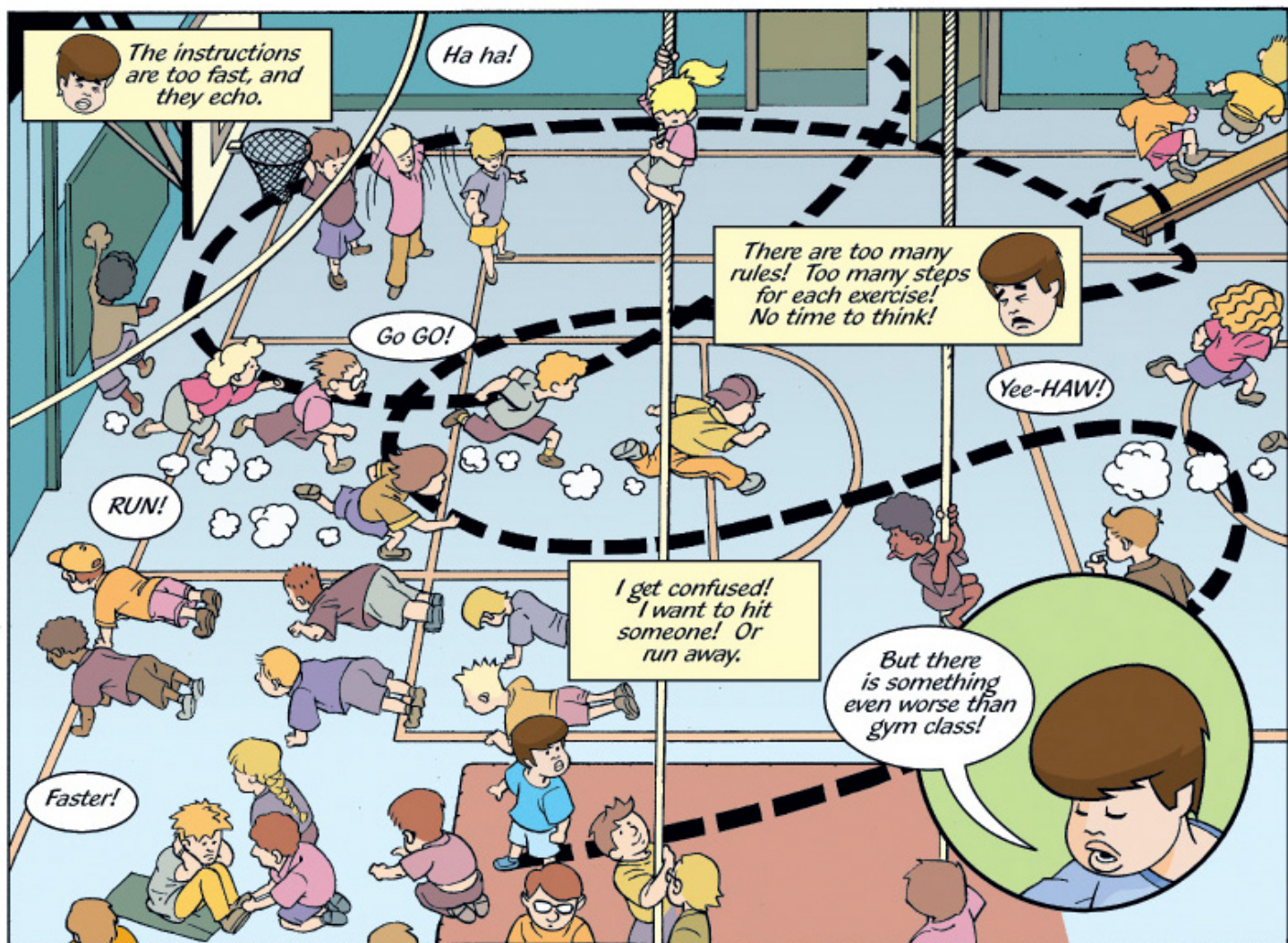
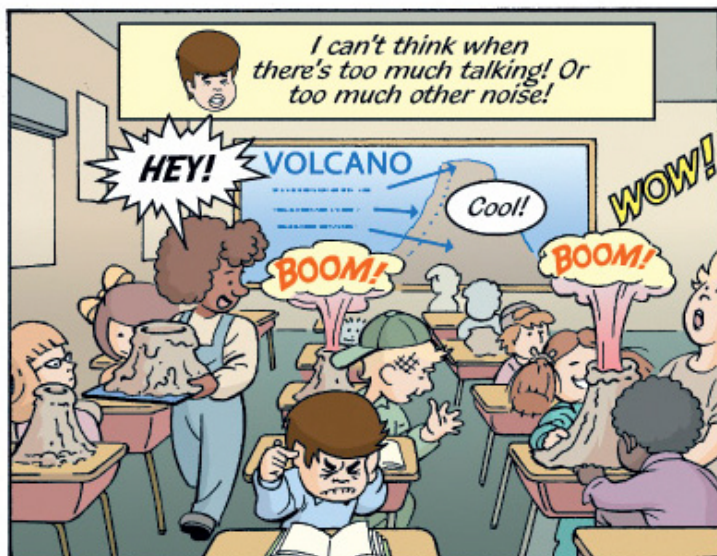


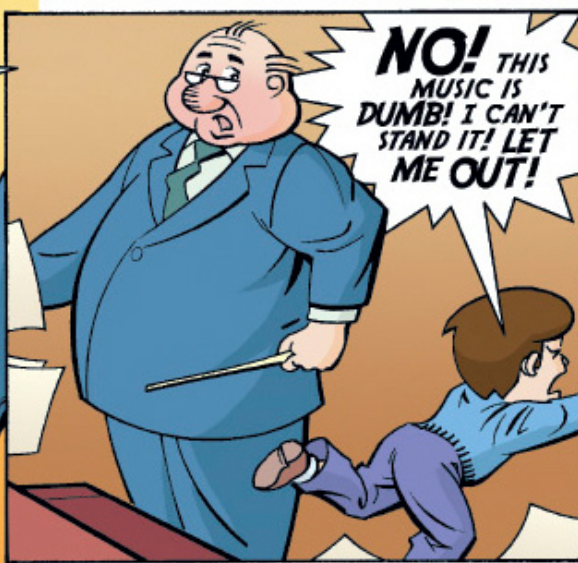
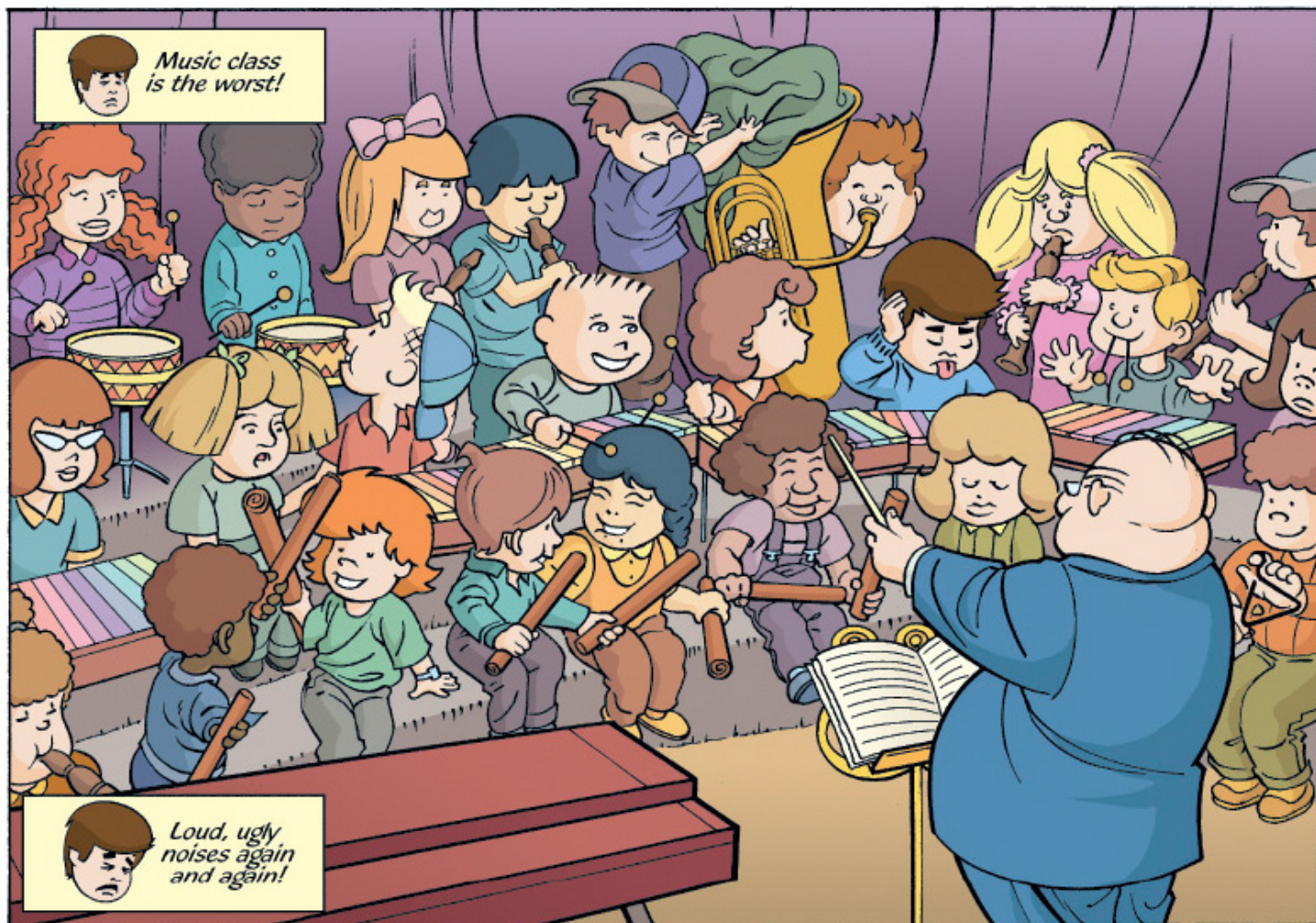
YOU CAN DO IT TOO!

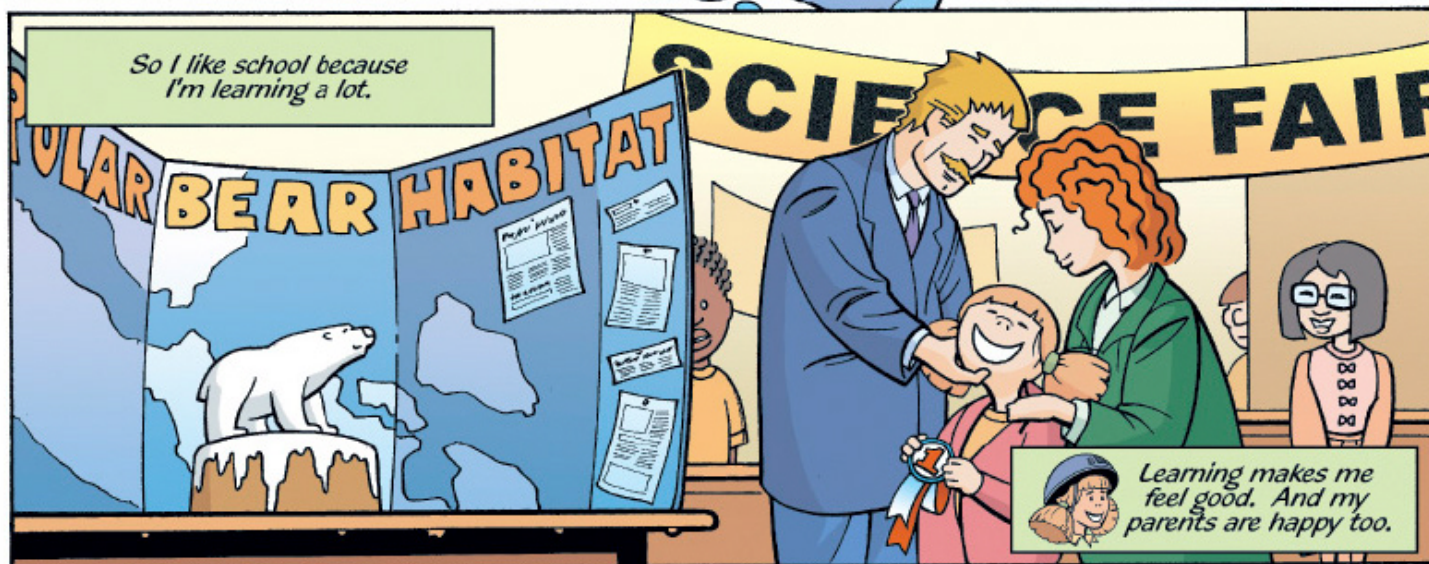
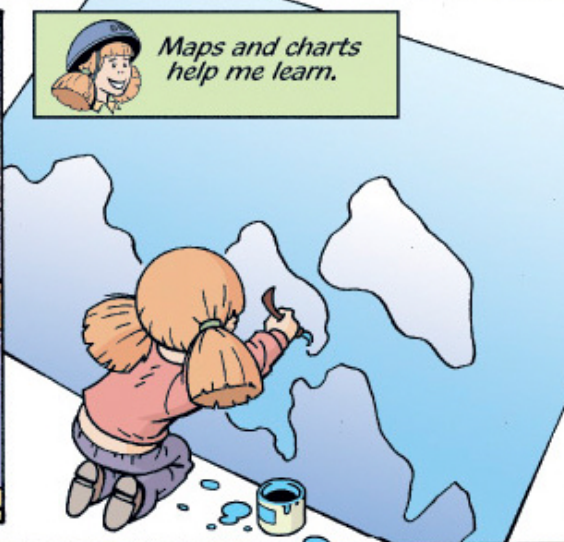
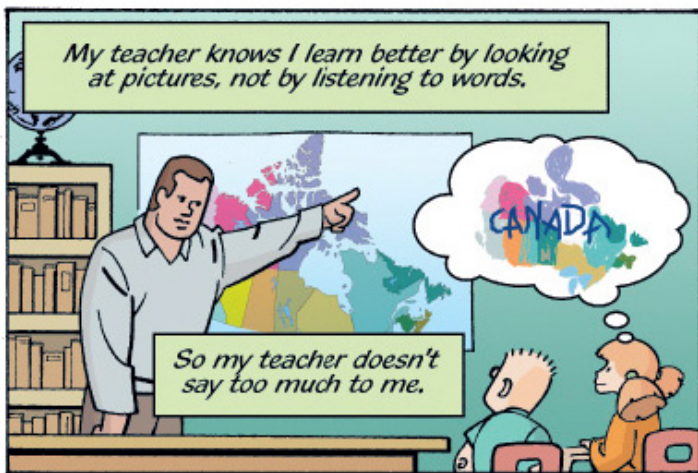




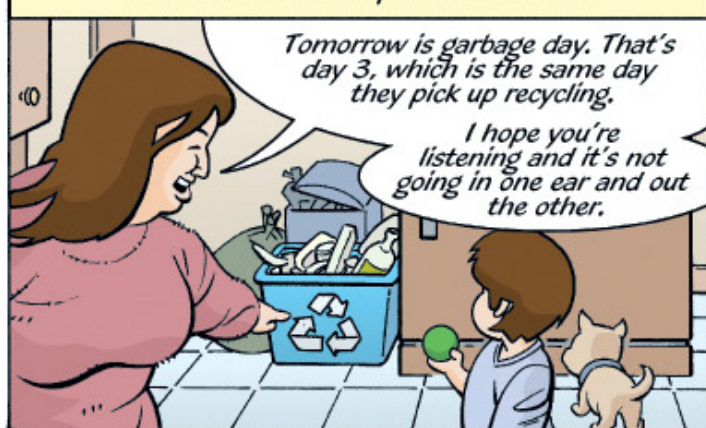








Mom asks me to help with housework.



All you have to do is look in the top, right, kitchen drawer --got that? The top, right, kitchen drawer, for a twist tie, okay? Do you remember. Because the garbage bag doesn't rip or drip and make a mess that you have to clean up. I don't need any more work around the house. Take the bag from the garbage can. And be careful you're taking the tied-up garbage bag from the more messy area. I don't want that garbage bag to drip-- to the dumpster. You can have it done. Then nip back to the recycling tub.

But I don't understand when she uses too many words.

And when I try to do my chores...



...I sometimes forget what my mom asked me to do.



My mom thinks I don't want to help her, but I just forget to do what I'm told.



Maybe words do go in and out of my ears.

No.

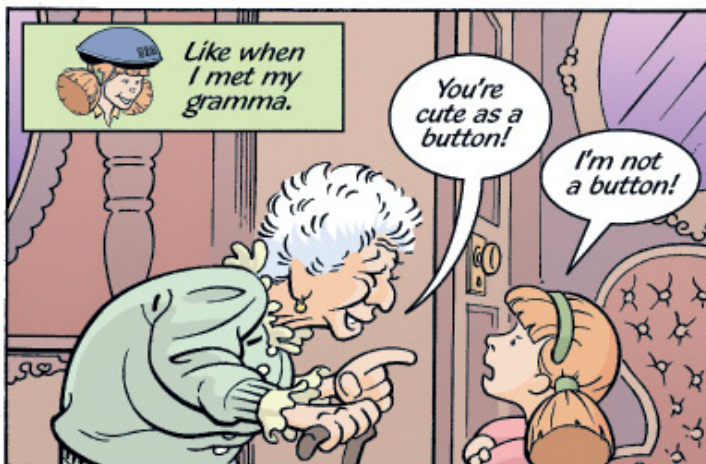
Your mom said that because she thinks you aren't listening.

If your ears really had problems you wouldn't be able to hear.

What your mom said is called a figure of speech.

It's not real.

Like when I met my grandma.



Grandma didn't really think I was a button.

"Cute as a button" is another figure of speech.

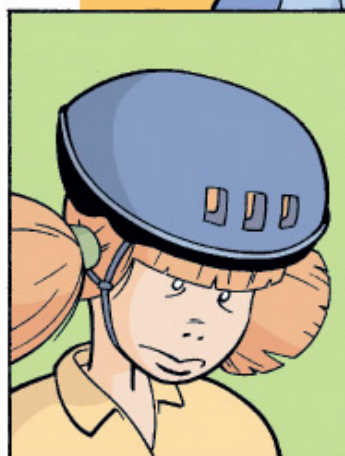
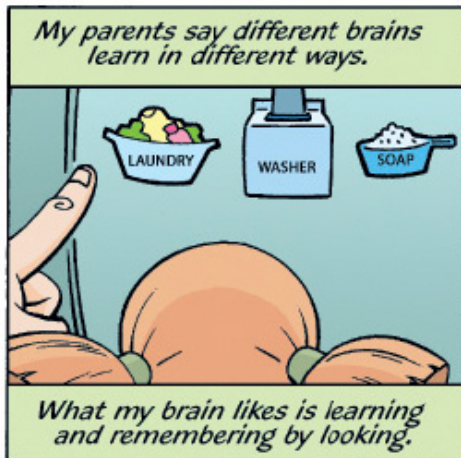
There's lots of them.

You're so smart!

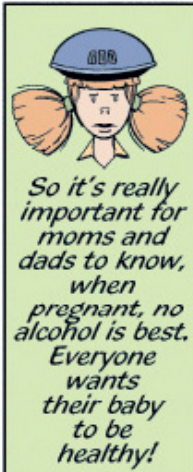




But my parents give me pictures to help me see how to do my chores.



FASD stands for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. I was told that FASD can happen when a developing baby is exposed to alcohol.



So it's really important for moms and dads to know, when pregnant, no alcohol is best. Everyone wants their baby to be healthy!

Now I remember! I've heard of F.A.S.D.!

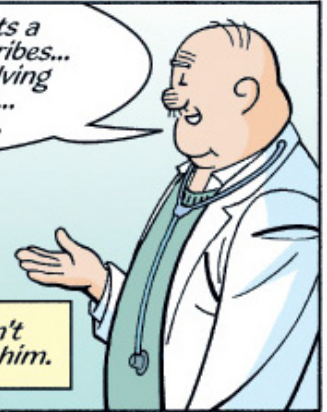
Mom took me to a doctor. He told us about F.A.S.D.



...this acronym represents a diagnostic term which describes... neurodevelopment... involving executive functioning... social adaptive skills...



But I didn't understand him.

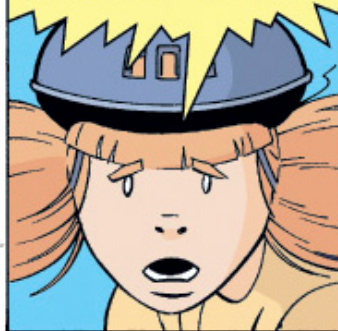


Is that why I'm stupid? Because of F.A.S.D.?

Stop saying you're STUPID!



People with F.A.S.D. **ARE NOT STUPID!**

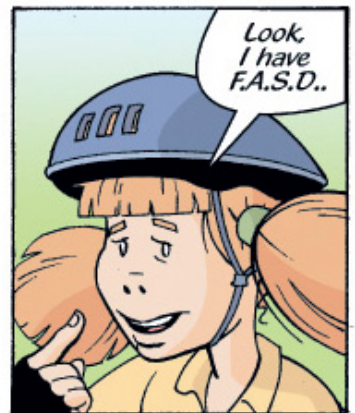


Sorry.

I shouldn't yell.



Look, I have F.A.S.D..



See how my eyes are small with little folds around them?

Uh-huh.



See the smooth skin under my nose?

Oh, yeah!



And my thin top lip?

Really?



But I don't look like you. Do I?



SOME kids with F.A.S.D. look like me. Some kids with F.A.S.D. look like everyone else.

