



Great news everyone your teacher has decided to let you have a free lesson!

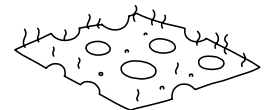
Only one problem, your teacher gets to choose what you will do - sorry!

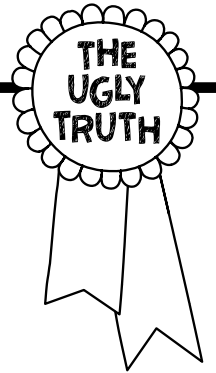
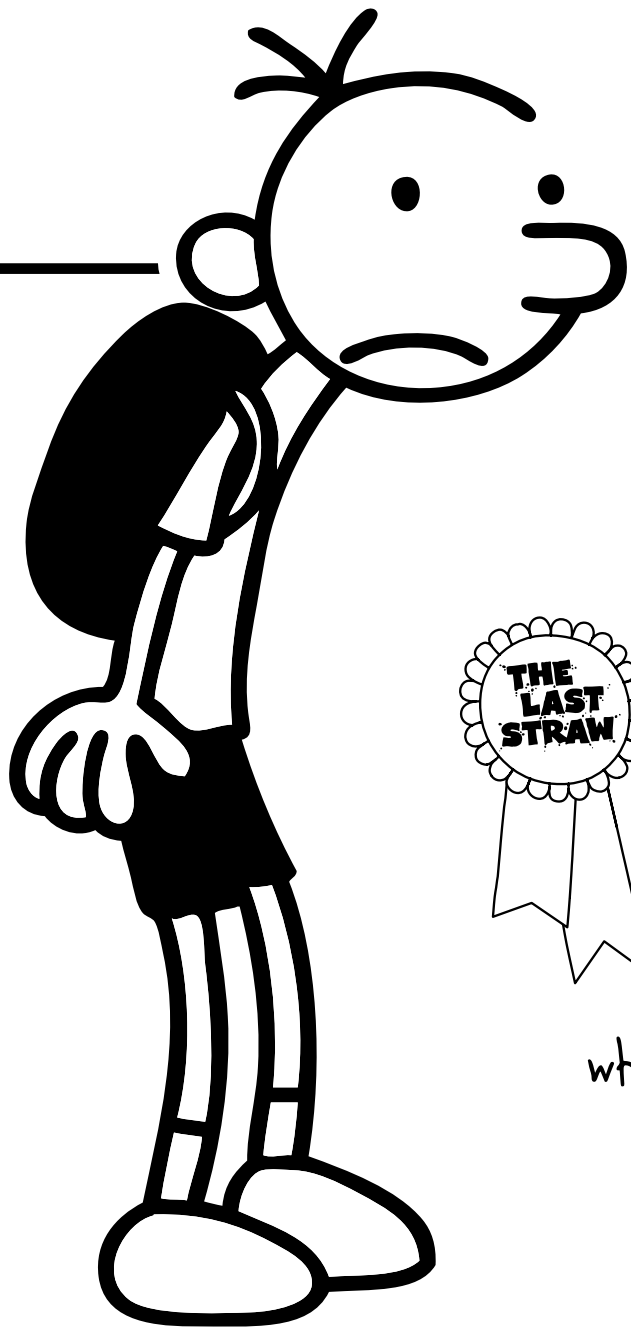




Ok so your teacher has chosen a
spelling quiz as your activity!

Now that's not fair!
There's got to be a better way of choosing!
Any ideas?





Which do we think is the
best way to decide?

teacher decides

toss a coin

pick a choice out of a hat

everyone votes

girls only vote

boys only vote

whoever got top marks in the last test gets to choose

headteacher decides

teacher picks one person to decide

fastest runner gets to choose





Did you pick 'everyone gets a vote' as the best way to decide?



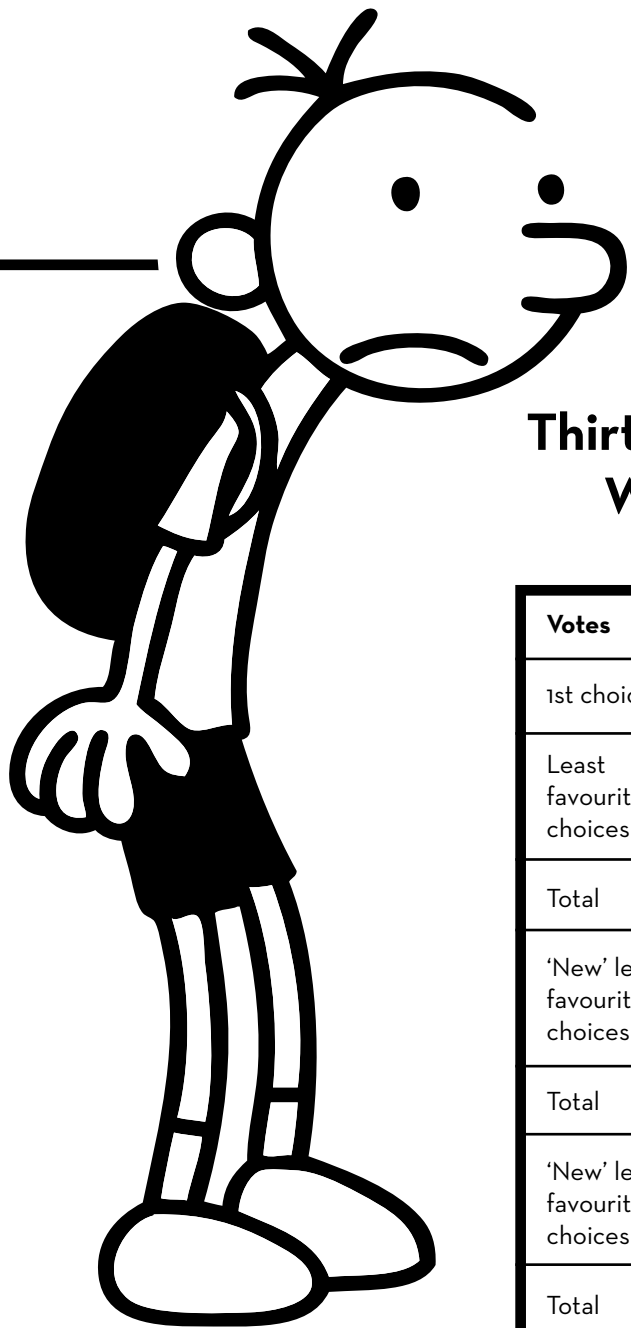
Most votes work using this system, whereby the overall favourite choice gets picked!



But there is another way . . . preferential voting! It's a bit more complicated but lots of people think it's a fairer way of choosing as you have to have over HALF the votes before you can win.

Let's turnover to see an example of preferential voting in action!





Thirty children were asked to choose their favourite Wimpy Kid activity. Take a look at the results:

Votes	Video games	Cartoons	Reading	Swimming	Football
1st choice	11	7	7	3	2
Least favourite 2nd choices	0	0	1	1	
Total	11	7	8	4	
'New' least favourite 2nd choices	1	1	2		
Total	12	8	10		
'New' least favourite 2nd choices	2		6		
Total	14		16		





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Greg once stood for treasurer of the school council but was beaten to it by Marty Porter but that's another story!



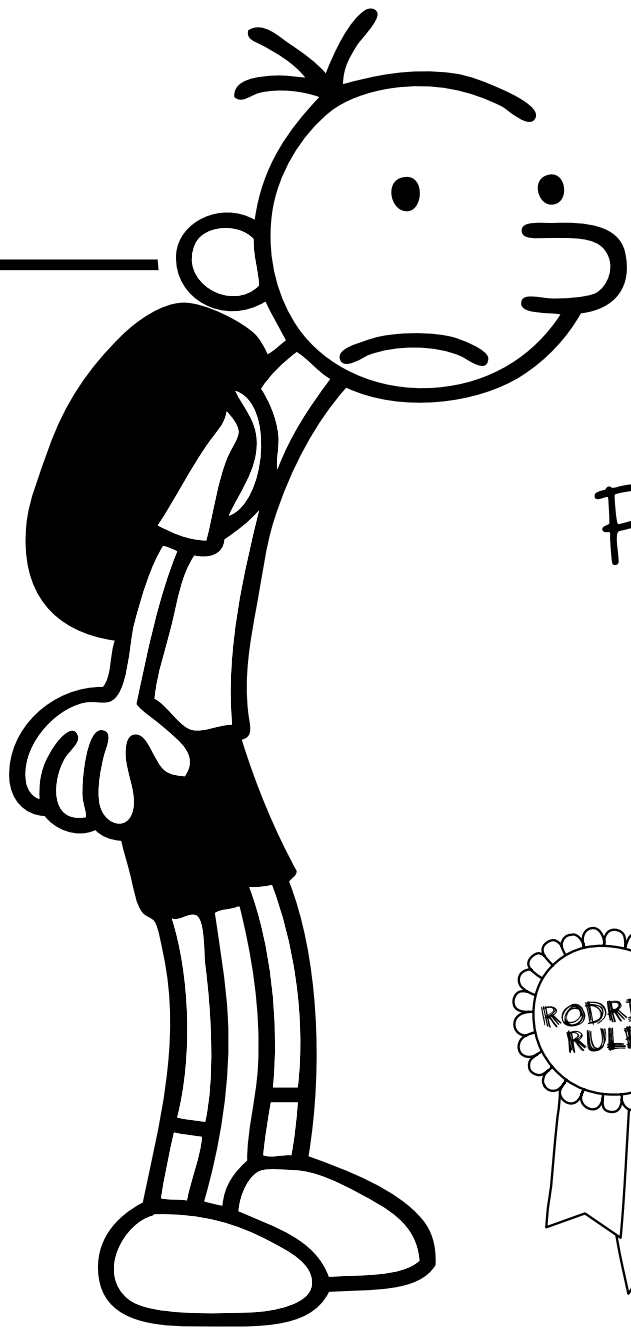


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Electing a school council member
Electing a member of parliament
Choosing a king or queen
Choosing a new headteacher
Choosing the number one record
of the week





For each example think about:

What method of voting is used?

Is everyone allowed to vote?

Is it fair?

Is it the best method to use?





Now you've got a handle on voting it's time to kick off your election campaign to see which of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books is the best!

Next step - get to grips with the best bits of each diary!

