

Activity 3

Demon Dentist and Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

Who is the King of Funny?



It's David Walliams, the British author of hilarious bestsellers like *Demon Dentist* and *Grandpa's Great Escape*. Here's are two samples from *Demon Dentist*, featuring Alfie, the main character, who is trying to avoid the dentist:

- "You could have had someone's eye out." Alfie wasn't sure this was true, teachers tend to say this a lot. In their minds, just about anything (a stray football, a bag left in the wrong place, even late homework) could have an eye out.

- When Alfie crashed through the door, [Miss Hare] dropped her large box of ball bearings. It smashed to the floor, which within seconds was awash with hundreds and hundreds of tiny bouncing metal balls. As Alfie climbed to his feet, a huge number of them rolled under his shoes at speed. Soon it was like he was wearing a set of roller skates which had a crazed mind of their own. The boy started rocking and rolling all over the classroom, as if he were a very drunk person trying to dance.

Want to know more about the King of Funny? Imagine that you could interview him. Start by visiting www.harpercollins.com/demondentist. Use your research to create an interview script, with 6-8 questions and answers. Then partner with a classmate to perform your interview for the class.



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