**Activities for…  
The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon**

**Activity 1**

Tom and his friend, Derek, have formed a band called ‘Dog Zombies’. If you formed a band, what would you call it? Tom also writes a song about his sister called ‘Delia is a Weirdo’. Can you write a funny song about someone you know?

**Activity 2**

Tom likes to draw pictures as well as write about his day. Can you write a Tom Gates-style account of your day, along with illustrations and observations? Feel free to use coloured pens or pencils or even stick things to the page.

**Activity 3**

Tom Gates keeps on making excuses for not doing his homework. On page 236, he even claims that a vicious dog attacked him and ate his exercise book. Make a list of ten unbelievable excuses for not doing your homework. The sillier the better. Do you think your teacher would believe them?