**Activities for…  
Tom Gates Excellent Excuses (and other good stuff) by Liz Pichon**

**Activity 1**

Tom’s class is given a few homework assignments, one of which is to write a thank you letter. Now it is your turn to “write a proper thank you letter” Tom Gates-style …who are you thanking and why? Feel free to use coloured pens or pencils or even stick things to the page.

**Activity 2**

Tom makes an excellent poster to recruit a new drummer for his band ‘Dogzombies’. Make your own poster to recruit new members to your book group.

**Activity 3**

Tom is very good at making excuses! Can you come up with some excuses that are even better than Tom’s? Write a short story about Tom Gates and how he would use your excellent excuse.