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## ACTIVITY 14

### CHELSEA HAD TO EAT HER WORDS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the short story below. Then answer the questions that follow.

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4. Describe a situation in which you had to eat your words.

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Everyone at camp loved to sing. When John opened his mouth, everyone found out that he couldn't carry a tune. Even the frogs couldn't stand John's singing.

1. What do you think "can't carry a tune" means? Choose from the following:

- A. can't write music  
 B. can't remember a melody  
 B. can't sing  
 C. can't play an instrument

2. Rewrite the sentence below without using the underlined expression. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

Barry plays piano well but he can't carry a tune.

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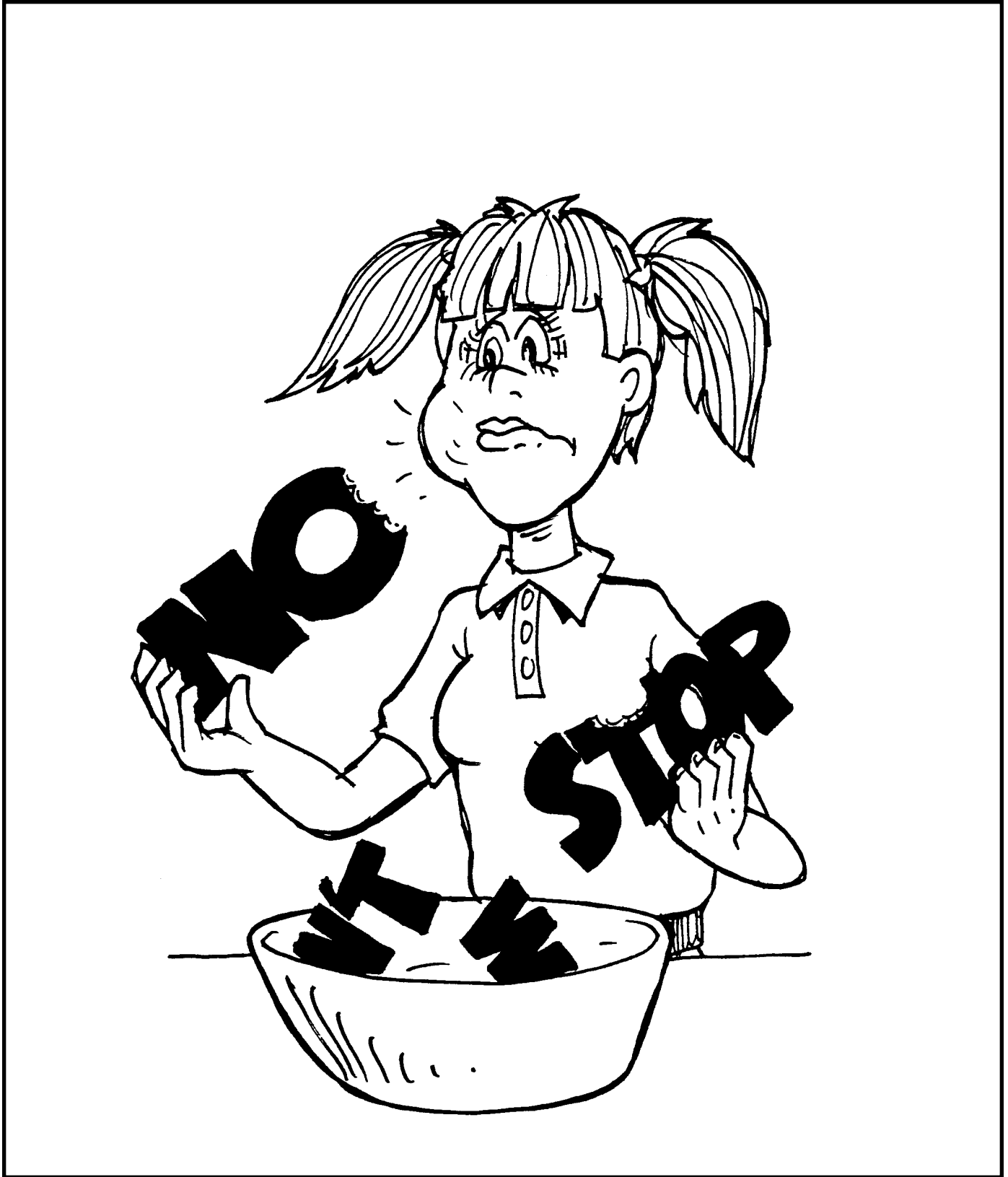
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3. Use the expression in a sentence about a boy who wants to sing in the choir.

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4. Do you think a person who can't carry a tune should be able to join the choir?



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