

Get Real!

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Stacy
AI (VO)
Narrator (VO)
Boy
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Harry Snotter Intro

(HARRY SNOTTER wanders on with a flashlight in darkness. He wears round glasses, speaks with a British accent, carries a hanky (which he uses often) and looks a lot like you know who. He sneaks around stealthily. He flashes the light upstage, then right and left, then he flashes it into the audience and screams when he sees them.)

HARRY

Blimey mates, you scared me almost to death! How did you blokes get in here? Where did you fly in here from? C'mon, tell me! Where did you come from? What spell did you use then? *(When they start to answer he cuts them off)* Shhh!. Quiet! Keep it down. You're going to spoil my plan. Allow me to properly introduce myself. I'm called Harry Snotter. *(He sneezes, blows his nose loudly and bows politely)* How d'you do. You want to know what I'm up to then? You see, this fantastical, magical book mysteriously arrived by owl today, and it's the first chance I've had to sneak away and read it. It's filled with new spells, incantations, fashion do's and don'ts, and a simply marvelous recipe for snakeskin snickerdoodles! *(he sneezes)* Yum. *(flipping through the book then reading)* Hmmmmm....It seems that this book will also take us on a very *entertaining* journey to learn some *real* information about a virus called HIV. Oh dear, apparently this nasty little virus can cause people to get sick with a disease called AIDS. *(to audience)* Have you all heard of HIV and AIDS before? *(still reading)* Ahhh, well it says here that some of the things we've heard may not be true and that *knowledge* is the best protection from the virus. I'd better give this first spell a go then. *(to audience)* Say, would you all like to *join* me on my entertaining journey? Would you all like to *Get Real!*? *(he sneezes)* Well all right then, you can help me out with this spell by REPEATING AFTER ME! *((holds for echo)* I said, REPEAT AFTER ME! *(holds for echo)*. *(reading from book)* Twizzle! Twazzle! Twozzle! Tweal! *(holds for echo)* We start this journey by Getting Real!

(LIGHTS Flicker)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

It's working! *(he sneezes)* Again! Everybody together now! Twizzle! Twazzle! Twozzle! Tweal! We start this journey by Getting Real! *(he sneezes and exits)*

Get Real!

Adult
Mature
Full-Grown
Grown-up
You're old enough to know better
Better safe than sorry
Better now than never
You better not pout you better not cry

GET REAL!

You want me to grow up?
Don't make me throw up!
I'm getting older and so are you
Now look at all the things we've gotta do
We get up early and go to school
And learn about the golden rule
And how to live a healthy way
And to make good choices every day
Bed time!
Time to get up!
Time to go to school!
Time to do your homework!
GET REAL!

Childish
Infantile
Babyish
Immature
You're still a child
Stop acting so wild
Line up single file!
Let me see you smile
Because you're only young once
Once you're older, you'll understand
Once upon a time, in a distant galaxy!
You need a baby sitter!
Sit on a baby?!
GET REAL!

You want me to learn more?
What a bore!
I'd rather sit and watch tv
What kind of person will that help you be?
Get up!
Get moving!
Get a clue!
The more you see the more you'll do,
And the more you know, the more you'll grow
Are you sure I can do it?
There's nothing to it!
Use your head
Heads up!
It's up to you!
Up to your room!

Bed time!
Time to get up!
Time to go to school!
Time to do your homework!
GET REAL!

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

HARRY

Well that was a good spell to get us started wasn't it? I feel myself getting much *realer* already. *(he sneezes then refers to book)* Time to get into some of this very important information about HIV & AIDS. It says here that the HIV virus has been making people sick with AIDS for over 20 years. Wow, that's quite an epic epidemic now isn't it? It also says while there is still no cure for HIV or AIDS, new medications are now helping people with the disease live much longer, healthier lives. Well that's some good news then. Hmmmm here's a rather epic looking spell to help explain further. I need your help again. Ready? Repeat after me! EXPLAINUTMUS EPICUS!

Not So Far Wars

NARRATOR

(Voice over) Not so long ago in a galaxy not so far away a group of maverick-y rebels led by Duke Flyswatter and his sister Princess Lola have just won an epic battle against some really bad dudes...

(Duke and Lola ENTER. Duke brandishes a flyswatter and Lola is wearing ear muffs.)

DUKE

Defeating evil forces is awesome! I could totally get used to this Lola! I feel pumped! *(he flexes and swats his swatter triumphantly)*

LOLA

Yes Duke, your flyswatter saber was surprisingly effective in helping to restore peace to the galaxy. Way to go!

DUKE

Yeah, I've killed a ton of bugs with this thing, but never thought it would come in so handy during battle. Yoga taught me well.

LOLA

She increased your flexibility and taught you how to use weapon that bears your name!

DUKE

And most importantly she taught me how to use the powerful force that lies within both me and my flyswatter....awesome.

(Duke stretches elaborately and strikes several “attack” poses with the flyswatter)

LOLA

Oh man, what is that *smell*?

(C3PU enters. From Duke and Lola’s reactions, it should be clear that C3PU smells very bad.)

C3PU

Master Duke, Princess Lola, I have a very important message for you!

DUKE

(inching away from him) Thanks C3PU, why don’t you go ahead and deliver the message to us from over there.

LOLA

(plugging her nose) Yes C3PU, from waaaay over there is good, thanks.

C3PU

(loudly) Master Yoga is pleased with your recent victory, but there is a *new* even stronger evil that you must battle.

DUKE

(whining) Awww man, but we just defeated the *old* evil

LOLA

How bad is this new evil that you speak of C3PU?

C3PU

It’s not good Master Lola. Master Yoga will arrive shortly with further instructions.

(Yoga enters with a yoga mat, spreads it out and poses.)

YOGA

Short in stature I may be, but shortly arrive will I not, for here I am now.

(Yoga punctuates each statement with a new “yoga” pose. These should be silly and not traditional poses.)

DUKE & LOLA

Yoga!

(Duke and Lola bow and touch their toes in greeting.)

YOGA

Pleased am I at how you mastered the force Duke Flyswatter. A force to be reckoned with are you. Very proud you and the Princess Lola should be of your efforts yes.

LOLA

Thanks Yoga, but what is this *new* battle that C3PU was talking about?

DUKE

Yeah, we just got your message and I'm soooooo ready to fight more evil! I'll use the force to defeat them like this! *(he waves his flyswatter around dramatically)*

LOLA

Yeah, and I'll totally have Duke's back like this! *(she gets behind him and looks as menacing as possible as Duke strikes more attack flyswatter poses)*

C3PU

(crossing towards them) Yes, and I too may provide some assistance in this battle

DUKE

(catching a whiff) Whoah! Thanks C3PU, but why don't you just work on assisting us from over there?

LOLA

(covering her nose again) Yes C3PU...from waaaaay over there is just fine, thanks.

C3PU

(C3PU shrugs and crosses back to his spot.) As you wish masters.

YOGA

The stinky droid of yours speaks of an evil force that has been gaining in strength for many years it has.

LOLA

For many years? But why haven't we heard of it before?

DUKE

And more importantly, how do we kick its evil butt!?

YOGA

A stronger foe this is than you have ever fought before. Defeating it by booty kicking alone will not be enough.

DUKE

Not even if I use the force to do this?!

(Duke demonstrates a few more menacing flyswatter attacks.)

LOLA

And if I do this?!

(Lola once again stands behind Duke looking menacing.)

DUKE

And then we both do this?!

(They assume another attack pose together)

YOGA

A virus called H-I-V the new evil be. This epidemic has brought much pain and suffering to people all over the world for many years yes. Many are sick with HIV and many have died from AIDS, but no cure is there...yet.

DUKE

A virus? But how does it make people sick and how do we fight it?

YOGA

Many questions to be answered there are. Many lives left to save there be.

C3PU

If I may help explain, master Yoga?

(Yoga nods)

C3PU

The HIV virus *only* lives in the blood, and it attacks the white blood cells, or immune system that protects you from getting sick. The HIV virus multiplies like clones inside the blood unless it is treated. Even with medication, people with HIV sometimes get so sick that they then get diagnosed with the disease called AIDS.

DUKE

Whoah, this sounds like a totally epic battle. *(assumes an attack pose but then looks at his flyswatter which suddenly seems less useful)* So how are we supposed to fight a virus that lives in the blood?

LOLA

Yeah, and how do we protect people from getting sick?

YOGA

To be safe from HIV, you should not mix your blood with any friend *or* foe. It is totally gross. No worries of catching HIV or AIDS by just being around those who have it. A common cold it is not. Learn you must how you can *and* cannot get HIV so you may

protect yourselves and have no fear. Share your knowledge with others too you must yes.

DUKE

But isn't there a way to get rid of HIV *forever*?

YOGA

Not yet, not yet, but new scientists and doctors are being born every day who may someday work to find a cure. *Knowledge* is the key to fighting HIV!

LOLA

Hey, Duke! Maybe we can find a cure for HIV & AIDS?

DUKE

We've got to Lola! I'm totally hooked on fighting evil!

LOLA

Me too!

YOGA

Keep that droid of yours close during your quest, for he too has the force of knowledge within him strong yes.

(Duke and Lola exchange a look then plug noses and cross to C3PU)

LOLA

(nose still plugged) C'mon C3PU we've got to spread the word about HIV and AIDS!

DUKE

(nose still plugged) Yeah, we may still have a chance to stop this evil virus!

DUKE & LOLA

(noses still plugged) Thanks Yoga!

YOGA

Good luck be with you both. May the force of knowledge be with us all.

(All strike heroic poses)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition) (Duke, Lola, Yoga and C3PU exit)

(Harry Enters)

HARRY

Wow, what an epic spell that turned out to be! Well I'm afraid this blimey book doesn't seem to have the cure for HIV or AIDS in it either. *(he sneezes)* Hmmm.... *(to audience)* you seem like a smart group. Maybe you all can help work to find a cure when you get older?

Harry's White Blood Cell Spell

HARRY

This book has so much information about HIV & AIDS. *(reading)* It seems that the disease called AIDS is caused by a teeny tiny thing called an HIV virus, kind of like the ones that can give you a cold or the flu, except that the HIV virus *does not* pass through the air like in a cough or a sneeze *(he sneezes)*. The HIV virus can *only* live in the blood and it makes part of your blood sick. *(looking through book)* Well here, maybe this white blood cell spell can help explain it. Ready? Repeat after me! EXPLANITUMUS! *(he sneezes)*

(HIV & White Blood Cells enter to reenact Harry's narration)

You see, the body has an immune system that helps protect us from getting sick. Part of our immune system lives in the blood. The white blood cells, helps us fight off colds and other germs when we get sick. The HIV virus attacks the white blood cells so that they cannot do their job of protecting the body. If the HIV virus kills enough white blood cells in the body, then a person can become sick with the disease called AIDS. If HIV or AIDS attacks enough white blood cells then even a little cold can become very dangerous because the immune system will be too weak for the body to fight it off. *(he sneezes)* Luckily doctors' have conjured up some new medications that fight HIV and can help bring some of the white blood cells back. HIV can live in the blood for many many years before a person ever becomes sick with AIDS. Unfortunately doctors cannot get rid of the virus entirely, so there is still no cure for HIV or AIDS.

(HIV & White Blood Cells exit)

Oh dear, I do hope that none of this information is scaring any of you. You all really don't need to worry because very few kids have HIV. Many people here and all over the world do have the virus though, so it's still very important to know the *real* facts about how it's spread. Everyone is affected by the reality of the AIDS epidemic. *(he sneezes)* And speaking of reality, do you all like reality shows? Well it's time to Get Real with our next spell! Ready? Repeat after me! EXPLANITUMUS SURVIVORUS!!! *(he sneezes & exits)*

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

Survivor Alcatraz

JEFF

(Voice over) Welcome to Survivor Alcatraz. These finalists have been marooned. miles from the wilds of Fisherman's Wharf with only the basic essentials: sleeping bags, a MUNI pass, Rice-a-Roni and the latest Hannah Montana DVD. Let's meet the survivors now!

(As each Survivor is introduced, they enter and parade before the audience.)

Ashley is a boogie board instructor who is a total hottie prone to major emotional outbursts and has really chapped lips. Her hobbies include karaoke, cajun cooking and stabbing her friends in the back.

Bogus is a price checker at the \$.99 Store. He is a Guitar Hero-playing Sagittarius and former Eagle Scout. His hobbies include online gaming, collecting pocket lint, and stabbing his friends in the back.

Meet Sweeney. Sweeney is really old and hairy and grosses everybody out. He talks in a thick Southern accent, even though he is from Walnut Creek. Everybody hates him because he is a big-mouth bigot. His hobbies include being totally clueless, and stabbing his friends in the back.

Finally meet, Gwyneth. She is an elementary school teacher who is independently wealthy and only teaches because she loves children. Her hobbies include reading aloud, taking time-outs and saying "focus people!" Oh, yes...and stabbing her friends in the back.

The winner of today's immunity challenge will also receive some hair gel, a glow in the dark yo-yo, and Mini Pizza Lunchables! Today's challenge involves eating a french-fried grasshopper without gagging.

ASHLEY

But I'm a vegetarian!

SWEENEY

Bugs ain't meat.

ASHLEY

They are living things!

SWEENEY

Not after they've been french fried. *(he laughs)*

ASHLEY

(she freaks out) I hate you! I hate you all! I hate you and you and you and I will take you down one by one. *(pulling herself together)* Sorry guys, it must be the sun, I didn't mean it.

BOGUS

That's Okay Ashley, dry your tears and use some Chapstick.

GWYNETH

Ouch! What was that? *(she swats at the air)*

SWEENEY

These darn skeeters. Ouch! *(he swats at the air)*

BOGUS

Ouch! *(he swats at the air)*

ASHLEY

OUCH!

GWYNETH

(she slaps Ashley's face) There! I got one!

ASHLEY

(in tears again) I hate you, I hate you all!

GWYNETH

Ok, focus people, I think we need to *check-in* and take a *time-out* to get in touch with each other's needs.

SWEENEY

I *need* me some Lunchables!

BOGUS

Okay. I have a plan, we're all hungry, right? So let's make a pact. Whoever wins will share the Lunchables with the rest of us.

GWYNETH

That's not a bad idea.

ASHLEY

But how do we know that we can trust each other?

SWEENEY

You can trust me! I'm from the South.

You're from Walnut Creek. GWYNETH

Southern Walnut Creek! SWEENEY

Ok, I'm in. I'm so hungry I could even eat a grasshopper (*she gags*). ASHLEY

Sharing is good. I'm in too. GWYNETH

Ouch! Darn mosquitoes! BOGUS

OUCH! SWEENEY

There is only one way to seal this pact. We should all become blood brothers. BOGUS

SWEENEY, ASHLEY & GWYNETH
Ooooooooooooooh!

JEFF
Okay, hold on here. Turn off the cameras! Guys, you shouldn't ever mix your blood with anyone else's blood. It's gross! Also, you should never touch or pick up a needle, like the kind you see in the doctor's office, if you find it on the street. That needle could have blood still living inside of it, and you *could* get HIV or another infectious blood disease if it accidentally poked you. Mixing different blood together is just too risky because one of you may have infected blood already and not even know it.

That can't be! ASHLEY

Is it you? BOGUS

Is it you? GWYNETH

It can't be me, I'm an Eagle Scout. BOGUS

GWYNETH

I was voted teacher of the year.

ASHLEY

I'm a total hottie.

SWEENEY

And I'm a loud-mouthed bigot. People like me don't get the AIDS,

JEFF

Sorry, Sweeney, even loud-mouth bigots can get HIV. Unlike you, AIDS does NOT discriminate.

SWEENEY

Ouch. Hey, what about these skeeters? If one of us has the AIDS couldn't the skeeter bite one of us and then bite another one of us and spread the virus?

JEFF

No, no one has ever gotten HIV or AIDS from a mosquito or from any other bug or animal. You can ONLY get HIV through blood to blood contact with someone who has it, from unprotected sexual activity with someone who has it, or if a mother has HIV and doesn't take the right medicine, she can sometimes pass the virus to her baby through birth or breast-milk. That's why you CAN NOT get HIV from everyday activities, or by just being around someone who already has it.

BOGUS

That's a relief!

GWYNETH

So I guess the blood brother pact is out.

BOGUS

But we can still make a pact that if one of us ever got HIV we would still be friends and all give our support.

ASHLEY

Let's make a pact to always be friends forever!. Even though this stupid show wants us to be enemies and stab each other in the back.

GWYNETH

I'm in. *(extends hand)*

BOGUS

You have my Scout's honor. I will always be true. *(extends hand)*

ASHLEY

I love you guys, I really mean it! *(extends hand)*

SWEENEY

Aw shucks. I guess I'm in. I guess even a loud-mouthed bigot can change his ways.
(extends his hand)

JEFF

This is really touching you guys. But it will kill our ratings! You can't be friends! You have to stab each other in the back! Okay. turn the cameras back on and bring on the french-fried Grasshoppers.

GWYNETH

Ewww. Gross. Let Sweeney eat it!

SWEENEY

Let Bogus eat it!

BOGUS

Let Ashley eat it!

ASHLEY

I hate you all, I hate you I hate you -- *(to others)* You guys know I'm just acting right? I really love you a lot -- I hate you! I hate you!

GWYNETH

She's good.

JEFF

And that's it for another episode of Survivor Alcatraz. And remember - there is no immunity when it comes to HIV. Everyone needs to know the facts so that they can protect themselves. Don't let AIDS vote you off the island!

(MUSIC & LIGHT transition)

HARRY

(he sneezes) What a great spell, but I wouldn't want to be trapped on an island with that bunch. *(he sneezes)* You know I can't say that I've ever met anyone who has HIV or AIDS. Like I said very few kids have HIV, but if you did meet someone who has it, you don't have to worry about getting sick from them since HIV only lives in the blood. *(refers to book)* Oh cool! Here's another spell called the New Kid in School that might help explain this more. And it's one of those rap songs that you American blokes seem to like so much. Ready? Repeat after me! EXPLAINTUMUS RAPPUS!

New Kid Rap Intro

(Rappers 1-3 enter)

RAPPER 1

Yo, yo yo, what's up *(insert school name here)!*?

RAPPER 2

How ya'll doin' *(insert another school name here)!*?

RAPPER 3

Are ya ready to GET REAL up in here *(insert another school name here)!*?

RAPPER 1

We're here to *represent*, and tell ya'll a *story* about a new kid in school.

RAPPER 2

Ya but this new kid was treated wak just for being different ya'll.

RAPPER 3

That ain't cool yo. Respect. Ya'll, respect.

RAPPER 4

Word. Mad respect ya'lls. Let's do this rap thang!

RAPPER 1

AND get our rhyme on yo!

RAPPER 2

Word. Ya'll ready for this!?

(Rapper 4 enters)

RAPPER 3

Then it's time for us to Get Real! and get down with the New Kid Rap!

RAPPER 4

Cuz that's how we roll! Here we go yo!

RAPPER 1

But yo, we need a beat first ya'll!

RAPPER 2

True dat! Take it away DJ *(insert Stage Manager's name here)* up in the booth!

(New Kid Rap MUSIC)

NEW KID RAP

Get Real! Get Real! Get Real! (Get Real! Get Real! Get Real!)
Everybody just clap your hands! (Everybody just clap your hands!)
Everybody just clap your hands to the beat.

Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!) Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!)
Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!), Now scream! (Aaaaaahhhhh!)

LISTEN UP! I want to tell you a story 'bout the new kid in school.
He was smart, he was sharp, he was nobody's fool,
He showed up the first day with his pencils and pens,
And thought he wouldn't have a problem making new friends.
He was the new kid, (Hay-ay!)
You wanna play with me?
You wanna play with me?
You wanna play with me?
He was the new kid (Hay-ay!). He was the new kid in school.

A crowd began to form as he got close to the door,
And when he tried to walk through they all began to roar (Aaaahhh!).
There were parents, there were teachers,
there were girls and there were boys,
His heart began to sink when they started making noise,
It's the new kid, (What!?)
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,
He was the new kid, he had new kicks and new shades,
All he wanted to do was to make new friends and get good grades,
He was the new kid, They didn't need to be afraid,
But someone tipped them off that the new kid had AIDS (AIDS, AIDS, AIDS, AIDS)

Maybe mama had the virus. She might've got it from her pop.
Then our new kid still could get it, if they didn't make AIDS stop.
Maybe got it from a needle on the street with HIV,
But yo, there's still no cure, so that's the way it has to be.

Now I take my pills, and I hope for the day
That a new cure for AIDS will come my way
Must be somethin' we can do to stop the rumors that aren't true
'Cuz I look and act and play, just like you (just like you)

He was the new kid (What!?)
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,

Don't play with him,
He was the new kid, he was the new kid in school.

He turned around that first day never wanting to go back,
But his parents said, 'Come on you don't need to take this flack,'
So they marched up to the Principal and knocked upon his door,
The new kid shouldn't have to take this bull no more!
Not the new kid, Not the new kid in school.

We're gonna have to teach them they have nothing to fear,
And we're gonna keep repeating it 'til they begin to hear,
So don't worry honey, don't think of relocation,
We're gonna turn the tables with a little education. YEAH!
He didn't give up, not our new kid in school,
You can not get AIDS from playing, if you think so you're a fool,
In time he made some good friends when they began to see,
Now I'll tell you all straight up, it's not AIDS it's HIV
You heard me (What!?), the new kid is me.

I'm the new kid (Hay-ay!)
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
It's the new kid
I'm the new kid in school.

I hope some day they'll find a cure,
But until that day arrives there'll be more new kids for sure.
Doctors have new medications now, to help control the virus,
So the new kids can still go to school, and learn and play beside us.

I'm the new kid,
I'm the new kid in school,
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
It's the new kid (What!?),
I'm the new kid in school
And if you're asking me I think the new kid's pretty cool. YEAH!

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

HARRY

(Enters singing and trying to dance but almost falls) It's the New Kid! It's the New Kid!
Whoah! That was "off the hook" as they say then wasn't it? You know, the decisions that
we make in life can help protect us from ever getting HIV or AIDS. Let us continue on
our *Get Real* journey then with a spell that will help us all learn to make better, healthier

choices. Ready? Repeat after me! EXPLANITUMUS POPULARIS!!!! (*he sneezes and exits*)

(*MUSIC & LIGHT Transition*)

How Popular Are You?

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(*Voice Over*) And once again it's time for America's favorite game show! The show that reveals the answer to life's like most totally important question, *How Popular Are You?* Tonight's host, the man who can make you popular... Mr. Cheesy Sideburns!

(*Cheesy enters*)

CHEESY

Welcome back to the final round of *How Popular Are You?*! Earlier rounds of playground cruising and lunchtime antics have narrowed it down to our two finalists, and now we're finally going to find out just how popular they really are! Let's welcome Marty and Stacy!

(*Marty and Stacy enter*)

Alright, let's not waste any time! I'll ask you three multiple choice questions to find out are you cool? Or are you a fool? Are you all dat? Or not where it's at? You comprende my homies?

STACY

Sounds all good in the hood dude. This is gonna be easy breezy!

MARTY

I'm just so happy to be here, and I'm ready to do my best Cheesy.

CHEESY

Alrighty! First question Stacy we'll begin with you. Silence in the studio. Here goes, question number one. If your classmates made fun of your clothes would you:

- A) Hold your breath and turn blue until your parents sprung for some new duds?
- B) Shoplift some new threads and not wait for the money?
- C) Tell them that you were following the latest trend and all of them were out of style.
- D) None of the above.

STACY

Whoah bro, that's a tough one, but I'm going to say A. To look cool is to be cool and turning a little blue seems a small price to pay, I mean what are credit cards for anyway?

Is that your final answer? CHEESY

Uh, is that a trick question? STACY

I'll take that as a yes. Now, Marty? CHEESY

MARTY
My final answer is D. None of the above. As long as I'm comfy, I really wouldn't care.

(BUZZER sound)

And the correct answer is A! CHEESY

Awwwww yeah! STACY

Are you sure about... MARTY

CHEESY
That's 100 points for Stacy and zero for Marty! By the way Marty, have you even looked in the mirror lately?

MARTY
Well, I did get up a little late this morning, but...

CHEESY
Whatever... Stacy, you are one step closer to being popular!

STACY
Like it's a stretch.

CHEESY
Moving on! The tension is building and I can actually feel my sideburns stiffening up. Go ahead - touch them.

MARTY
Uh that's okay, thanks anyway.

STACY
That's nasty dude.

CHEESY

Quiet everyone! Next question: If I was at a party and everyone was getting drunk I would:

- A) Get totally wasted and puke everywhere
- B) Get totally wasted and fall down a lot
- C) Get totally wasted and act like a fool
- D) None of the above.

STACY

Wow, that's a tough one, I mean, I'd get wasted but...

CHEESY

Time is running out!

MARTY

Can I go?

STACY

Forget about it, I think it's a trick question, I'm going to say it's a tie between A, B & C.

CHEESY

Final answer?

STACY

Yeah, whatever.

CHEESY

Marty, *think* carefully. Remember the point of this game is to be *popular*.

MARTY

I really don't think that's necessary. This is a no-brainer.

STACY

A what?

MARTY

It's got to be D. I'd just call my mother to come pick me up, and then maybe go to a movie with a friend.

(BUZZER sound)

CHEESY

Wrong again Marty, that's another 100 points for Stacy. The answer is A, B & C.

STACY

(Stacy raises arms in triumph and begins chanting) Sta-cy! Sta-cy! Sta-cy!

CHEESY

Okay, everyone focus! We've almost got a winner here! The tension is so thick my sideburns are actually tingling with anticipation. Here feel this. *(He rubs his sideburn towards the audience.)* Moving on! The final question is: Education is important to me because ...

- A) There is nothing good on daytime TV anyway.
- B) If I didn't go to school I could never cut classes
- C) School is the best place to find out about all the really good parties.
- D) None of the above

Stacy, you're in the lead! One more right answer and you'll be popular. What's it gonna be?

STACY

Woah dude, this is really tough. Well, it can't be A, I mean there's mega-cool shows on in the day...

MARTY

This is so easy, can I answer first?

CHEESY

(rubbing his sideburns nervously) The tension is almost too much even for me to bear!

STACY

C! It's C, let's party hearty, at a hearty party!

MARTY

I'm going to say D again. I just want to get good grades so I can maybe go to college someday and then get a job that I really like.

(BUZZER sound)

CHEESY

Marty, Marty, Marty, wrong again. You've missed three out of three, it's a wonder you have any friends at all.

MARTY

But that's not true...

CHEESY

That makes Stacy our Grand Prize Winner - Popular Person numero uno!

STACY

Was there ever any doubt?

CHEESY

And now for the prizes, Al...

AL

(Voice over) Thanks Cheesy. Stacy you win the Who Wants to be Popular Grand Prize Package. You will receive a six month trip, all expenses paid ... to a Juvenile Detention Center! And when you get older, a deluxe stay at a drug rehabilitation clinic! And as an adult you will receive a job as an all night grill scraper at the fast food restaurant of your choice! You can keep this job until your retirement, if you even live that long! Congratulations Ms. (or Mr.) Popularity!

STACY

Hey, wait a minute!

CHEESY

Marty, we don't want you to go away empty handed. As today's loser you will receive the following consolation prizes,

AL

(Voice over) Marty, get ready for an all expense paid education at the college of your choice! That college education will entitle you to dozens of fascinating career options when you get older, and provide you with the money you need to go on well deserved luxurious vacations and to buy a fabulous NEW CAR!

MARTY

Wow, that's great! But I thought that I was the loser?

STACY

Yeah, how come he (she) gets all the good prizes?

CHEESY

I'm sorry, we're all out of time. Tune in tomorrow to find out "How Popular Are You?" This is Cheesy Sideburns, signing off.

(Cheesy, Marty & Stacy exit)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

(Harry enters to cast Allison spell)

What's the Matter with Allison?

GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

BOY

Have you noticed that Allison has been acting strange lately?

GIRL

Every time I call her she says she's on the other line and will call me back, but she never does.

BOY

What's the matter with Allison?

GIRL

She's baby-sitting all the time.

BOY

I asked her to go to a movie

GIRL

But she was baby-sitting

BOY

Who ever thought Allison would turn into a snob?

GIRL

I mean she used to be my best, I mean my very best friend.

BOY

Now she has such attitude.

GIRL

Maybe she's sad.

BOY

What do you mean by sad?

GIRL

Depressed, you know, like when your cat runs away or something.

BOY

Allison doesn't have a cat.

GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON

The truth is I just found out my uncle Tony has been HIV positive for many years, and now he's really sick with AIDS. I didn't know for a long time, I guess my parents thought I was too young, which is really stupid. I wish they would have told me sooner.

BOY

Did you hear about Allison? Her parents are getting a divorce.

GIRL

That's not true, my mother would know if that were true.

BOY

I heard she's flunking out and might get held back.

GIRL

Allison's too smart for that.

BOY

I hear her family is broke and they are moving away. I hear they might even become homeless!

GIRL

Can you still go to school if you're homeless?

BOY

What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON

I had no idea he was even sick! He looks so healthy, you'd never know if you saw him on the street. I guess he didn't want me to know. Maybe he thought I would be afraid to hug him and stuff.

FIRST GIRL

It was my Birthday and I was having a few friends over. I mean my best, only my very best friends. We were going to stay up all night watching scary movies, and she said *no*. I couldn't believe it! Finally my mom called her mom. She said she'd been in hospital a lot, that her brother, Allison's uncle Tony, was sick.

ALLISON

My mom wasn't sure I knew what it was. I mean, what planet does she think I've been living on? She told me you could not get it from touching someone, or even eating off the same plate. It doesn't spread like a cold or the flu or most diseases.

BOY

Why didn't she tell us? We would have understood.

GIRL

Oh right, like you never heard anyone say anything bad about AIDS, I'm sure!

BOY
She says Tony is her favorite uncle.

GIRL
And now he's really sick.

BOY
And that's why Allison is sad.

GIRL
I can't believe she didn't tell her best, I mean her very best friend.

BOY
Did she really think we would drop her, because her uncle has AIDS?

GIRL
I guess she thought we wouldn't understand.

BOY
I guess maybe she heard enough people around school say mean things about people with AIDS and that she was embarrassed

GIRL
Well I never said anything around her, did I?

BOY
I mean I heard about it on TV but I never actually knew someone who had it.

GIRL
Me neither.

BOY
Why didn't she tell us?

GIRL
Why didn't she trust us?

BOY & GIRL
What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON
That night when Tony came over I gave him a hug and a kiss just like I always do. It didn't even feel weird when I hugged him because I know the truth about how HIV and AIDS is spread. Well I guess I did feel a little different. I got a lump in my throat, and I hugged him a little harder than I used to. I don't know how he got it, and I don't care.

He still looks and talks like Uncle Tony. He still is Uncle Tony. And I still love him just as much as I always did.

(Allison, Boy and Girl exit.)

(Harry enters)

HARRY

Wow, that was pretty heavy wasn't it? You know, I'm rather glad this Get Real journey turned out the way it did. *(he sneezes)* I can't say I knew much about HIV and AIDS before all of this happened. In fact, I was a bit scared of it. But now I don't have to be scared, because I know how one gets HIV, and I know how to avoid getting it myself. I also learned that I can be around someone who has HIV or AIDS, because I won't get it by just hanging out with them. That's because the HIV virus does not fly through the air like a cold virus or in a... *(he sneezes)* We have to remember that there still is no cure for HIV or AIDS. Doctors have conjured up some new medications that are helping people with HIV live longer, but it's not very fun to have to take those pills every single day. It's good that we now know the real facts about HIV and AIDS and how to make smart choices. We can also share with others what we've learned here today. *(he sneezes)* Now, before I depart, I'd like to cast one last spell to introduce you all to the fantastic people from this Get Real journey! Repeat after me! EXPLAINITUMUS CURTAINUS!

(CURTAIN MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

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