

## Icky Ivan

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Ivan liked to do weird things. He really liked nothing to make girls cringe and scream or to have boys point and laugh. He gave his teachers fits and his parents headaches. He was a very strange young man.



Ivan liked to eat dirt. The more worms it had the better! It made girls want to throw up. It made boys snicker.

Ivan liked to pick his nose in public. The girls would all say, "Ewww," but the boys would laugh.

Ivan liked to eat out of the trash can. The girls would all run away screaming, but the boys would encourage him to do more.

Ivan also liked rubbing his lunchroom pizza on his face. It made him smell like pepperoni. The girls shuddered, but the boys gave him high-five's.



Sometimes Ivan even liked to pretend he was a monster. He would make strange faces and gross noises. The girls would flee, but the boys would play along.

In class, Ivan always liked to burp instead of answering the teachers' questions. It made the teachers angry, the girls grossed out, and the boys happy. Then he went to the office, and that made his parents upset.

Ivan liked to do a lot of things, but what he really liked was making friends. He did all these things, and it got him lots of attention. It got him lots of trips to the office. Everyone in the school knew who Icky Ivan was, but still he didn't have many friends. He wondered why...

Do you know why?

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  - B. Irritating Ivan
  - C. Icky Ivan
  - D. Interesting Ivan
  
2. What does Ivan like to eat?
  - A. pizza
  - B. dirt
  - C. paper
  - D. glue
  
3. What does Ivan do with his nose in public?
  - A. pick it
  - B. blow it
  - C. sneeze
  - D. put milk in it
  
4. Who seems to like his behavior the most?
  - A. the girls
  - B. the boys
  - C. his parents
  - D. the teachers
  
5. Which sentence best describes Ivan's friendships?
  - A. Ivan does weird things to get attention, but he doesn't have many friends.
  - B. Ivan has tons of friends, because he's funny.
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