

## Staying Cool

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

It was so hot out, and the AC was broken. How could Bob and his friends stay cool? They thought for awhile and came up with some ideas.



Nathan sat in front of the fan. He sang into the fan and his voice sounded funny. He was a little cooler, but the fan only worked for one person, because it was small.



Richard drank ice water. He felt a tiny bit cooler, and he had to go to the bathroom. It wasn't the best way, and it was hard to watch a movie or play games.



Tommy put his feet in ice water in a bucket. He was a cold. His feet were numb and blue. Then they ran out of ice, and that plan didn't work anymore.



Gary drank hot tea. It made him sweat a lot and it cooled him off some, but he felt sticky. After a couple glasses, he was soaked. It was uncomfortable, and he went home early.

Howard sat in front of the freezer with the door open. He ate a Popsicle and found a frozen pizza while he was in there. Now at least they had lunch, but after cooking a hot pizza, everyone was warmer.



That left Bob. He went outside and ran through the sprinkler to cool off, but it wasn't very fun all alone. Also, he was still hot, but he was just wet.



Bob's sister, Janice, came home and turned the AC back on. She'd turned it off just to be mean, and he didn't know how to work it. Bob and all his friends felt pretty silly afterward, but Janice thought it was hilarious.

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