

Everybody's Doing It!

Skit for flexible cast
By Samuel Stokes

(MALLET is a student that is following the popular kids who like to hit themselves in the face with mallets because they think it makes them cool. All of the other numbered lines may be assigned as needed according to how many students are available.)

MALLET: *(smacking self in the face with a mallet)* Wow, this is so awesome! I just love smacking myself in the face with a mallet!

(A group of students walk in, and are immediately concerned with what MALLET is doing)

1: Hey, what do you think you're doing?

MALLET: Smacking myself in the face with a mallet, duh!

2: But don't you know that's bad for you?

MALLET: No way! Everybody's doing it!

3: Yeah, it can give you really bad headaches.

4: And memory loss.

MALLET: Really?

5: Yeah, I mean, why would you even want to smack yourself in the face with a mallet anyway?

MALLET: All the popular kids are doing it.

6: Seriously?

MALLET: Yeah, it's the cool thing to do.

7: Doesn't seem that cool to me.

MALLET: Hmm, well I guess we know who *isn't* popular, don't we?

EVERYONE (except MALLET and 7): Oooooooooooh!

8: You're not going to think smacking your face with a mallet is very cool, when you start losing your teeth.

9: Or when you start getting nosebleeds every day.

MALLET: Hmm, that’s a good point, but I still want to be cool.

10: But what’s it worth for you to be cool, if you end up having all these health problems.

MALLET: *(thinking)* Well, all of my popular friends like to smack themselves in the face with mallets, so it makes me feel like I really belong.

11: I don’t think I’d really want to belong to a group like that.

MALLET: *(angry)* Well, you know what? I think you’re jealous, that’s all! You’re *all* jealous of me, because I’m cool and popular!

(MALLET smacks self in face with mallet several times)

12: Please stop that!

13: Yeah, we’re all really worried about you.

MALLET: Worry about yourself! I’m going to be cool and popular even if it kills me!

14: No, don’t do it!

(MALLET starts smacking self in the face again)

MALLET: *(stumbling around)* Whoa, I’m starting to feel kind of dizzy.

15: I was afraid that might happen.

16: We better get you to the nurse’s office!

(Everyone but 17 and 18 helps MALLET offstage)

17: You know what?

18: What?

17: I’d rather do the things I like to do than to beat myself up trying to be “cool.”

18: You got that right!

(17 and 18 exit)

THE END