It's lunchtime at the PCA.

Um, no. I'm sorry. I can't. There's a big football game on Saturday. Sorry, Zo.

Oh, Michael! But you're a great dancer.

Hi, guys. Look at this!

Yeah. We know. The PCA dance contest.

What do you think, Zo?

It's a great idea! And I'm looking for a partner. Michael, can you be my dance partner?

DANCE CONTEST

I don't think so, Chase.

But …?

Look, you're my best friend, Chase ...

Oh, Zoey ... please!

Or maybe I can ...

I can dance!

Well, yeah, but not in a contest. You're a terrible dancer, Chase!

You can't dance.

What about me, Zoey?

Um, no. I'm sorry. I can't. There's a big football game on Saturday. Sorry, Zo.

Oh, Michael! But you're a great dancer.

See you, Chase.

She's right. I can't dance!

Oh, Zoey ... please!
**FACT FILE**

## At School in the US

**Zoey and her friends go to the Pacific Coast Academy in the US. But then Zoey goes to school in the UK for a year.**

**Q:** Are US and UK schools different?

**A:** Yes! They have different names. American teenagers go to ‘high school’. British teenagers go to ‘secondary school’.

**Q:** What about the school day?

**A:** In the US, school is from 7.30 to 14.30. Students can do sports after school. In the UK, school is from 9.00 to 16.00. British students can also do sports after school, but in the winter it’s dark and cold!

**Q:** The PCA is a boarding school. The students live there. Are there many boarding schools in the US?

**A:** No, there are only about 70. In the UK, there are about 700 boarding schools.

**Q:** Do they have the same holidays?

**A:** No. The summer holidays at British schools are six weeks long. At American schools, they are three months!

## and the UK

**AMERICAN CHEERLEADERS**

All American high schools have cheerleaders. The cheerleaders dance before big football games. Girls and boys are in the same teams.

**SUMMER CAMP IN AMERICA**

Schools in the US have long summer holidays. Many students go to summer camps. In the day, they play sports and make music. At night, they sleep in tents.

**BRITISH SCHOOL UNIFORM**

British schools usually have school uniform. American teenagers can usually go to school in jeans and T-shirts.

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**What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.**

- winter
- summer
- camp
- tent
- uniform
- cheerleaders

**How do you say it?**

British English and American English is often different. Look at these words.

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