

## 18. Candy Bars for Sale

(Guy)

1 I think I've totally missed the concept of fundraising. I'm  
 2 supposed to sell things to *other* people to earn money for  
 3 the class trip — not buy the stupid things myself! I'm down  
 4 fifteen bucks already! Whoever came up with the idea of  
 5 selling candy bars was crazy! How can they expect me —  
 6 how can they expect *any* teenage guy — to pack around this  
 7 box of goodies all day and *not* eat any! It's pure torture.  
 8 Even if I *do* want to sell them and not eat them, no one  
 9 wants to buy one from me. Not when all the cute  
 10 cheerleaders are selling them, too. Let's see ... buy from the  
 11 geek in math class or the hot cheerleader with the cute little  
 12 bow in her hair? I haven't got a chance. Even the girls buy  
 13 from the cheerleaders because they want to be noticed by  
 14 them. They all wish they can fit into the popular crowd and  
 15 maybe — just maybe if they're really lucky and they buy  
 16 enough candy bars — they'll get a bow in their hair, too!  
 17 It's pathetic. I can't even get the teachers to buy from  
 18 me. Everyone's on a diet! Duh! It's January. *Everyone* in the  
 19 *entire world* starts a diet at the first of the year. All the  
 20 would-be skinny people see me coming and run the other  
 21 way. I can't even unload one of these four hundred and fifty-  
 22 calorie bars on people who actually are skinny because even  
 23 though they aren't worried about weight — they're worried  
 24 about being healthy! Of course they are! That's New Year's  
 25 resolution number two! Eat healthier!  
 26 The way I see it, I've got two choices. Forget the  
 27 fundraising and just pay for the trip, or eat all the candy  
 28 bars I want to earn my fifty cents on the dollar to pay for the

1 trip. It'll take me longer, but hey, if I'm going to pay anyway,  
 2 I might as well get something for it!