

## 11. Worst Best Friend Ever

(Guy)

1 Take my advice. Never, ever be best friends with the  
2 hottest guy in school. Every day it's *Brian this* and *Brian*  
3 *that*. And "Hey, have you seen Brian?" Like I'm supposed to  
4 keep track of him twenty-four-seven. I'm so sick of  
5 everything being all about him! Hello? What about me? I  
6 may not be the school stud, but I'm definitely not chopped  
7 liver. I feel like the guy's shadow.

8 It didn't used to be this way. In fact, in sixth grade, no  
9 one even paid attention to Brian. He was overweight, wore  
10 glasses, and was shorter than half the girls in class. I had  
11 more girlfriends that year than he did. Actually, I don't even  
12 remember Brian having a girlfriend at all. No one would go  
13 out with him!  
14 But something happened over the summer. He shot up,  
15 like, a couple of feet! His zits are almost entirely gone, and  
16 the guy has seriously slimmed down and bulked up in all the  
17 right places. And he got some really cool blue contacts. All  
18 of a sudden, he's morphed into the most popular guy in  
19 school. And of course, he suddenly discovered basketball  
20 and, wouldn't you know, the guy can play. Well enough to be  
21 a starter his first year on the team. If I wasn't his friend, I  
22 could easily hate him. (Pause) To be totally honest, I would  
23 hate him if he wasn't so nice. And if it weren't for the fact  
24 that we've been friends since we were altar boys at church.  
25 And — I'm not going to lie — there are some fringe  
26 benefits to the position. Like when he can't decide which of  
27 two girls to take to the monthly school dance, so he throws  
28 one my way. Pity dates, I know, but hey, sometimes you've  
29 got to take what you can get. Maybe one day I'll morph into  
30 Mr. Stud Man.

## 3. I'm Not a Blonde

(Girl)

1 I have three words for you: *I'm not blonde*. (Pause) OK.  
2 Wait a minute. That's four words. So, OK, like, I have four  
3 words for you: *I'm not blonde*. (Pause) OK. Now wait ... does  
4 a contraction count as one word or two? 'Cause it's like two  
5 words in one, isn't it? But then when it has that little  
6 comma thing then it's like one word, right? 'Cause it doesn't  
7 have any space or anything ... (Counts.)

8 So then I really do have three words for you. *I'm not a*  
9 *blonde*. (Counts while saying *this* and *ends up with four*  
10 *fingers*.) Now, wait a minute. How did that happen? (Looks  
11 *confused*, then *sheepish*.) Oh, duh, I added an "a" didn't I?  
12 (Pause) But does that really count? 'Cause it's like one of  
13 those non-words, isn't it? I mean, like, they don't even  
14 capitalize it, do they? So maybe I shouldn't count it either.  
15 So, (Counts again) *I am not blonde*. (Ends up with *four*  
16 *again*.) Now hold on just a second. I know I only had three  
17 words for you! It's like my words just keep multiplying or  
18 something. This is really weird. I wonder what will happen if  
19 I say it again. *I am not a blonde*. (Counts to *five*.) There! Did  
20 you see that! Five words! I had four and now I've got five!  
21 Omigosh. This is, like, amazing!  
22 I'm like a human typewriter spitting out words. If I keep  
23 talking, I bet a whole paragraph will come out!