

*28 Lorenzo has always liked music and can play a number of instruments. His favourite instrument is the guitar but he can play the piano, drums, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet.

Recently Lorenzo has joined a band. He is one of the guitar players but sometimes plays the piano or drums or sings if others cannot attend rehearsals. He has been making some mistakes with the songs during rehearsals by missing notes or some words from the songs.

For their forthcoming performance at a local pub the lead singer, called Daniel, tells the rest of the band to wear black T-shirts with skulls on them and so they all buy one. Lorenzo does not have enough money to buy a T-shirt, but makes his own so that he does not feel like the odd one out.

During the performance the band members begin to shout and scream and swear a lot when they do not normally act this way.

Assess the band's behaviour using **two** areas of psychology that you have studied.

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Zimbardo's study showed that when the participants were all given a uniform their behaviours changed and they all became deindividuated. The band members all wore the same thing so their senses of their own personal identity became lost and so they did not feel very responsible for their behaviours. Zimbardo's study supports this as it shows that wearing the same uniform causes people to lose sense of their identity and behave much different than their normal selves.

Social Influence
~~Zimbardo's study~~ ^{when} suggests that there is a loss of responsibility in a group. Because the band is a group, they do not feel as responsible for their actions as they can not



be identified within the group. This shows that when there is a group of people, they may behave differently because they do not worry about being held accountable for their actions.

Another study shows that some people will conform to fit in. The band mates may have started behaving aggressively because the rest of them were behaving that way and they wanted to fit in. However this doesn't fully explain their change in behaviour all at once as they may not have been trying to conform.





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