

RODMAN PHILBRICK

**Freak
the Mighty**

Preview

***Novel unit
for Special Ed***

27 activities

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Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 7) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is such an important life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited their child is being exposed to age appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest level learners, you will have 1 or 2 that will truly enjoy the story.
 - It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read in a methodical way.

Suggestions for Use

- For students who need more structure, place the number of post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- You will find one or more activities for each chapter. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit best with your students.
- Differentiation:
 - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower level learners by using a color coding technique.
 - If sorting, outline each sorting category a certain color and then outline the corresponding pictures the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- I purposefully did not include an assessment in this unit, because I did not feel that would be the goal of reading a higher level novel over such an extended period of time. Instead, you should be focused on shaping and teaching the behavior of sitting.

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Activities

Max	Freak	Freak the Mighty	Gram	Grim	Fair Gwen
Killer Kane	Iggy	Loretta	basement	big	small
fireworks	pond	police officer	jail	school	word dictionary
kidnap	Testaments	birthday	hospital	sick	death
repeat that	I like that	I don't like that	I don't know	I need a break	

Storyboard

Freak's mom, Gwen, is making dinner. What are some foods you would typically have for dinner and what foods would you have for breakfast?

dinner	breakfast
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Sorting

cereal	chicken	pizza	soup	bacon
waffle	fish sticks	biscuit	oatmeal	steak
spaghetti	fried egg	chicken nuggets	macaroni & cheese	French toast
smoothie	chili	pancakes	salad	yogurt

Circle maps

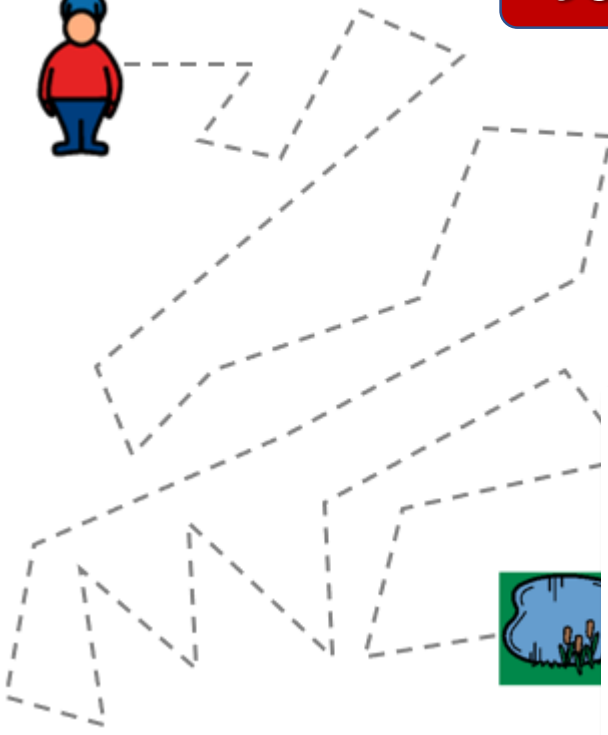
What are some things that fly?
HINT: They don't all have to be animals!!

Errorless option

bird	mosquito	jet	helicopter	fly
butterfly	chicken	dragon fly	hot air balloon	kite
goose	bumble bee	wasp	plane	eagle







mosquito	jet	guinea pig	fly
chicken	dragon fly	hot air balloon	kite
goose	bumble bee	snake	plane
eagle	hedgehog	turtle	jeep

Trace the path Freak and Max take to the pond



So much more!!

Freak and Max wear dark colors to blend into the night. They want to be camouflaged. Lots of animals use camouflage to hide in the wild. Look at each example below. Color in the circle you think the animal should be to blend in or be camouflaged.

 banana	<input type="radio"/>	 leaf	<input type="radio"/>
 tree trunk	<input type="radio"/>	 grass	<input type="radio"/>
 watermelon	<input type="radio"/>	 snowman	<input type="radio"/>

Everyone says Max looks a lot like his dad. How are some ways you look and act like your parents?

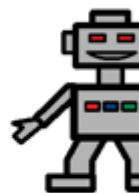


My Robot

I invented a robot that could for you.

					
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It has parts to it!



					
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You have to add to make it work.

					
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Be careful!! Don't get your to close.

					
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


I plan to sell my robot for

					
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Freak and Max return the purse they found to its owner, Loretta. Imagine you found the objects on the next page. Match them up with the person who most likely lost it.

 doctor		 carpenter	
 baker		 250=5 8+6 teacher	
 astronaut		 farmer	
 referee		 singer	
 artist			

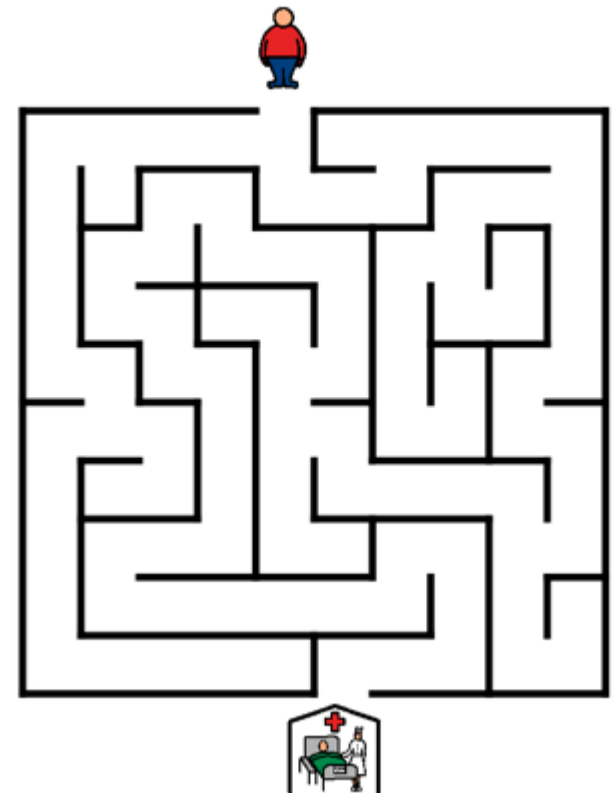
 whistle	 paintbrush	 rake	 helmet	 hammer
 library card	 microphone	 markers	 stethoscope	 muffin tin

Killer Kane is back in jail where he belongs. But not every bad thing is considered a crime. Which of the following do you think are crimes and deserve jail, and which do not?



 steal	 shop	 mow the lawn	 speeding
 fight	 eat dinner	 drugs	 wash the dog
 play game	 rob	 watch tv	 assassinate

Help Max find his way to Freak in the hospital.



More activities than you will need.... So, you can pick and choose what will work best and use it year after year even with the same students!!