

THE GRAMMARGATOR GUIDE TO

FREAK THE MIGHTY

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GRAMMARGATOR

ABOUT GRAMMARGATOR

Grammargator was created by Jo Ann Zimmerman (but call me Al), a K-8 Reading Specialist and Language Arts teacher who got tired of trying of trying to make time for EVERYTHING (reading comprehension, vocabulary, character analysis, plot sequencing, setting, literary devices, writing every whichaway) and rarely finding a moment for grammar. She knew her students needed to learn it (the first writing assignment made that clear every year). But they needed to learn everything else, too.

And so, lacking a magic wand to turn a 40 minute period into 80, she hit upon the idea of incorporating grammar exercises into the chapter book and young adult novel units her students were already doing! The result is Grammargator, a unique, effective, and efficient method for teaching grammar in context while also reinforcing key reading skills.

Each Grammargator Guide contains 12 worksheets of 20 sentences taken directly from the book students are reading. Each group of sentences focuses on a specific grammar skill, such as locating the subject of a sentence, identifying verb tenses, or finding a pronoun's antecedent. They are the perfect exercises to accompany summer reading assignments, use as pre-tests, practice newly learned skills, review skills taught earlier, or use as extra practice for individual students in need of more review. Many teachers use them as quizzes, too.

And since even Grammargator couldn't magically create more time in the day, each guide contains a complete answer key for easy grading.

See ya later,

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GRAMMAR AND USAGE

EXERCISE 1 PARTS OF SPEECH

Identify the parts of speech that are underlined in the following sentences.

N=noun

V=verb

Adj=adjective

Adv=adverb

Con=conjunction

Int=interjection

Pro=pronoun

Prep=preposition

_____ 1. But he wasn't in the playroom with us every day, just now and then he'd show up.

_____ 2. I already mentioned a few of the names I've been called, but until the robot boy showed up, nobody had ever called me earthling...

_____ 3. She catches sight of me coming up out of the down under and it's like somebody shot her.

_____ 4. "I never saw much of your mom after they got married."

_____ 5. Freak hasn't got his crutch tonight, just the leg brace, and he's laughing so hard he falls down.

EXERCISE 2 SUBJECTS

Identify which word is the subject of the sentences below.

_____ 1. Before (a)*you* know it, (b)*he's* dragging this (c)*wagon* out from under the steps.

_____ 2. It's pretty dim down (a)*here*, only the daylight from one basement window, but (b)*it* catches him just right and makes his (c)*eyes* shine.

_____ 3. There's a (a)*place* (b)*I* go inside my (c)*head* sometimes.

_____ 4. Hearing how little tiny (a)*Freak* is dissing the fearsome (b)*Tony D.*, alias Blade, (c)*I* can't help it, I laugh out loud.

_____ 5. Anyhow, (a)they take me inside and the first thing (b)*Gram* does is give me a (c)*bowl* of ice cream...

EXERCISE 6 SENTENCE TYPES

Identify the sentences types below.

Dec=declarative imp=imperative int=interrogative exc=exclamatory

_____ 1. Are you paying attention here?

_____ 2. "Leave the men alone."

_____ 3. What was he doing with my poor little boy, stealing him away in the wagon?

_____ 4. Don't get the wrong idea.

_____ 5. "You and that giant retard, I'll cut you down to size!"

EXERCISE 10 OBJECTS

Identify the underlined words in the sentences below.

d.o.=direct object i.o.=indirect object o.p.=object of the preposition

_____ 1. That's when I got my first look at Freak, that year of the phony hugs.

_____ 2. "Every now and then King Arthur would send them off on a special secret mission, which in the old days they called a quest."

_____ 3. I give a shrug because I don't like Gram to know how much I remember about way back then.

_____ 4. "Regurgitate, you big moron!" and he gives me another thump and I cough up this yucky mess, but I'm still laughing so hard my nose is running.

_____ 5. It's hard to see in the glare of the spotlight, but Freak tells me that Blade and his punks are running away.

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