



Judy Blume

Judy Blume writes books for adults and children. Her books are in English and many other languages. She has sold millions of books. Her birthday is February 12, 1928. When she was a kid, she would think of stories in her head. Judy kept the stories a secret. When she was an adult, she wrote them down! She wanted to be a writer or spy when she was little. Judy loved to read.

Judy liked school when she was a kid. English was her favorite subject. Her favorite color is purple. She grew up in New Jersey. Lots of her books take place in New Jersey. Judy likes to write books about where she has been.

As an adult, she has written many books. She has twenty-nine books. Some people were angry about what her books were about. It takes about a year to write a book. The people in her books are from her own ideas. They are not people in her life.

Judy started the Kids Fund. It is a charity for education. Judy now lives in Florida and New York City. She has three kids.

The story was her first book. She said the title just popped into her head.



Did You Know...?

- Judy drew the pictures for this story.
- Judy likes to roller skate.
- Judy has a brother.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Activity Nine

Write a word from the story that **starts** with each blend. The first one has been done for you.

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Activity Ten

Fill in the chart with the words from the list. **Sound out** the words carefully! The first one has been done for you.

being	peanut	mad	paid
grew	guess	me	cleaned
baby	stage	myself	attention
small	around	maybe	were

Long e being	Short e	Long a	Short a
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PHONICS ACTIVITIES



Activity Ten

1. A **noun** is a person, place or thing. Pick **four** nouns from the story. **Write** them on the lines.

Draw a picture to show what the word means.

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c) <input type="text"/>	d) <input type="text"/>
	

2. Pick **one** noun from Question 1. Use it in your own sentence. Write your sentence on the lines. Start your sentence with a **capital letter**. End it with a **period**.

WORD STUDY QUESTIONS

Activity Five

1. Fill in the chart below. List **five** words that describe Freddy. List **five** words that describe Mike. Remember to number your lists!

Freddy

Mike

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are the lists the same? Are they different? Why?

2. **Underline** the words that tell what type of story this is.

comedy drama news play poem acoustic
sad funny fairy tale scary speech action

3. **Circle** the words that describe where the story takes place.

in the woods at school in a soccer game on a mountain

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**Activity Five**

A green kangaroo isn't real. If it was, what would it be like? What would it eat? Where would it live? Make a trading card for this animal or a new one you think of. The card needs a picture of the animal on the front. On the back, it needs all the important things about this new animal.

Front



Back

**WRITING TASKS****Crossword**

Read the clues below. Write the answer where you find the right number. Be careful! Some words go down. Some words go across.



Across

- A silly person.
- When you eat your last meal of the day.
- Freddy had to share this.
- The color of the kangaroo.
- To see something out loud.

Down

- They laughed a little.
- Used to clean.
- After lunchtime.
- Very special.
- Not quiet.

CROSSWORD**Comprehension Quiz****1. Write the word in each blank to finish the sentences.**

- _____ cried when _____ pinched her.
- Freddy was _____ to act, but he still did it.
- The _____ kangaroo was a star!
- Ms. _____ gave a special _____ you to Freddy.
- Freddy didn't mind having to _____ a _____ anymore.

2. Match the item with the character.

green dots	new clothes	old clothes	potato	script
pencil	costume	milk	mirror	new toys

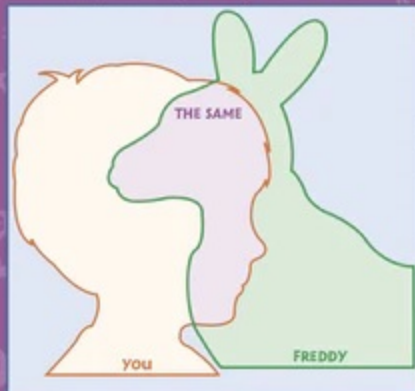
Freddy

Ms. Mattson

Moby

**ASSESSMENT/
TEST****Are You in the Middle?**

Do you feel like you are in the middle? How are you like Freddy? How are you different? A Venn Diagram is a way to show this. In the head, write things about you. In the kangaroo, write what you know about Freddy. In the middle, write things that are the same.

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