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Read to Us!



*Frank's Red Hat*

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# FRANK'S RED HAT

## Themes

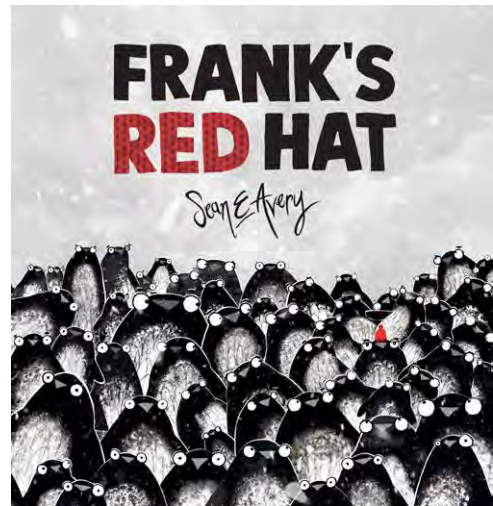
Humour

Differences

Being Yourself

## Exploring the Story

Show the class the cover, end papers and title page of the story. Ask them to think about what they think will happen in the story and make a prediction based on the information they have. They can tell the class their predictions or write them down (younger children may like to draw a picture). Now read the story to the class and as a group discuss how the story may have been different or similar to their predictions. Did anyone predict that there would be a red hat? Did anyone think there might be other colour hats? Did anyone predict that there would be a giant penguin-eating killer whale? Now that they know the story and have more information, can they make further predictions as to what Frank did next? For older children, you can assign them a creative writing task to imagine what happens next.



We probably all know the colours of the rainbow, there's even a song all about it. Sing or play the song 'I can sing a rainbow' for the children and make a list of all the colours that are included in the song. In the story, Frank makes hats in colours different than those listed in the song. Have a look at the coloured hat labels in the illustration (apricot, crimson, violet, teal and many more!) and see if any of these match up with the colours in the song. Discuss with the class how there can be different hues and variations of the colours in the rainbow. Provide the class with colour swatches that are the same colours mentioned in the story and ask them to sort them into the colours from the song (are there any that could fall under two different colours?) Ask them to sort into a colour gradient and then ask how else might they like to sort the colours. You might like to explore further by completing the picture book colour wheel activity below.

## Activities

### Daring Designs

Frank designs many amazing hats throughout the story. Use the template provided to create your own hat design that will keep Frank warm – in style!

### Picture Book Colour Wheel

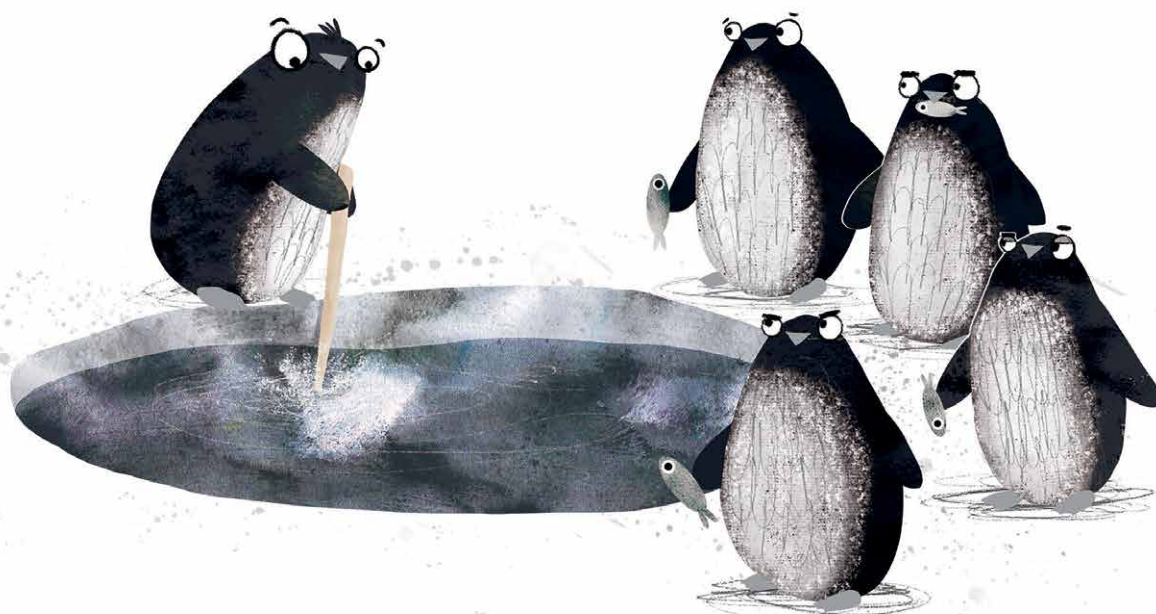
As a class, use the library resources to create a giant colour wheel. Select picture books with different coloured front covers and arrange in a big circle on the floor, slightly overlapping. Can you find all the colours that Frank used when making his hats?

### But Neville Was Not Fine

Just then, a killer whale leaped from the icy ocean depths and ate Neville in one big bite - but in a card! Use the attached templates to recreate this moment from the book where Neville was not fine. Then give your card to a friend who is having a bad day. It's likely that their day wasn't as bad as Neville's.

### Frank's Find-a-word

Frank needs your help to find all the hidden words in this find-a-word puzzle.





# DARING DESIGNS



# BUT NEVILLE WAS NOT FINE



GLUE  
FRANK  
HERE



**I HOPE YOUR DAY  
IS BETTER  
THAN NEVILLE'S**



# FRANK'S FIND-A-WORD

H	U	F	L	U	K	T	H	K	R	R	E	H	A
T	O	U	A	H	E	R	N	R	E	K	K	W	S
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**WALRUS**

**NEVILLE**

**WARMTH**

**RED**

**WONDER**

**NERVOUS**

**FRANK**

**SEAL**

**HAT**

**PENGUIN**