

Family Discussion Questions
FRINDLE by Andrew Clements

Please use these discussion questions as a way to interact with your child around books. Share your thoughts, ideas and memories about your own school experiences and memories as a way to connect with your child and HAVE FUN!

Chapter 1

Would you say Nick is a trouble-maker?

Do you think the other kids like what he does in the classroom to his teacher? Have you ever played pranks on your classmates?

What should Nick do about his problems with Mrs. Granger? What would your solution to his problem be?

Chapter 2

Would you like to be in Mrs. Granger's class? How is it like your class? Different?

Draw a picture of Mrs. Granger.

Look for a dictionary and find some words to learn and share.

Chapter 3

Have you ever used a "teacher-stopper"? Share what you might have done as a kid to get the teacher off task.

Do you think Mrs. Granger is mean? Why or why not?

What nickname would you give your parents?

Chapter 4

What are the rules at your house?

How do you feel about the “homework first” rule Nick has at his house?

Why did his parents think that was so important?

It sounds like Nick has a prank in mind for Mrs. Granger. What do you think it will be?

Chapter 5

Have you ever been nervous to read in front of the class? How did you handle it?

Do you think the kids liked his report?

How did Nick try and prank Mrs. Granger when he gave his report?

Chapter 6

What is Nick’s idea with the pen?

Do you think calling a pen, a frindle, will work?

Can you think of a new “word” to use in your family?

Chapter 7

How did Nick introduce “frindle” to his class?

How do you think Mrs. Granger felt about the new word? How can you tell?

What would you rename in your classroom?

Chapter 8

How do you feel about the way Nick and his friends are acting?

What do you think Mrs. Granger wrote in her letter to Nick?

Do you think the students should get in trouble for using the word “frindle” in school? Why or why not?

Chapter 9

Are there any rules at school that you think are silly? What are they? Share any rules you had to follow that you thought were silly when you were a kid.

Share how you would feel if you were Nick’s parents?

Chapter 10

Why do you think they called Judy Morgan and had her come to the school?

Why do you think Mrs. Granger was so upset about the word “frindle”?

Do you think Judy Morgan’s newspaper article will be FOR Nick and “frindle” or AGAINST him? Why?

Chapter 11

How do you think things changed for Nick AFTER the article comes out in the newspaper?

Chapter 12

How did Nick feel about everyone using his word?

Bud Lawrence was known for really great ideas. Have you ever had a great idea for an invention you think would be useful to everyone?

Nick earns money by mowing lawns for his neighbors. What kinds of chores could you do to earn money? Share how you made money when you were a kid.

Chapter 13

What word did the kids get wrong on every spelling test?

What kinds of things did Bud make with the word “frindle” on it?

Chapter 14

What was Nick’s next idea? WHY did he decide NOT to try it?

Do you like the food in your cafeteria? What could you do to change what they serve at school for lunch?

At the end of the school year, Mrs. Granger said Nick was one of her favorite students. Do you have a favorite teacher and why?

Chapter 15

What two important things happened to Nick?

How could you get your new word into the dictionary?

What was the gift Mrs. Granger sent to Nick? What was his gift for her?

What kinds of things do you think will exist in the future that do not exist today? Share what we use today that you didn’t use when you were a kid.

