

Friendbots: Blink and Block Bug Each Other



ABOUT THE BOOK

Blink and Block are back in another STEM-inspired I Can Read Comic by author-illustrator Vicky Fang!

This time, Block is drawing in the park, but Blink wants to play. So much, in fact, that Blink can't stop pressing Block's buttons . . . literally. Blink is silly and Block is logical, and they're best when they're together! Whether they're searching for treasure, playing pretend, or learning to compromise, Blink's imagination and Block's clever ideas turn any ordinary day into the most fun ever.

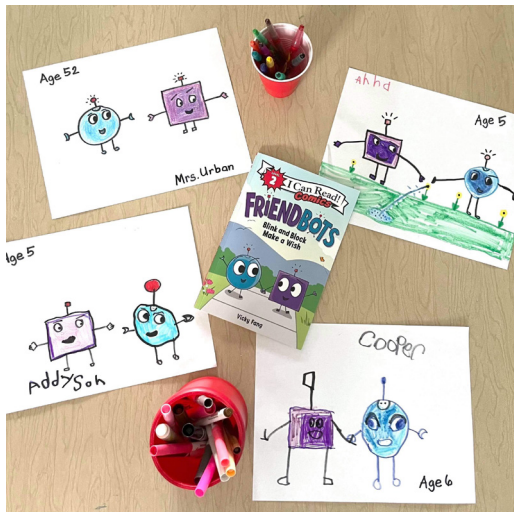
Friendbots: Blink and Block Bug Each Other is a Level Two I Can Read Comic, geared for kids who are comfortable with comics and can read on their own, but still need a little help.

ABOUT VICKY FANG

Vicky Fang is a product designer who spent 5 years designing kids' technology experiences for both Google and Intel, often to inspire and empower kids in coding and technology. She started writing to support the growing need for early coding education, particularly for girls and kids of color. She is the author of ten new and upcoming STEAM books for kids, including Invent-a-Pet, I Can Code, Layla and the Bots, and her author-illustrator debut, Friendbots.

Find out more about Vicky by following her on Twitter at @fangmous or on her website at www.vickyfang.com.

ACTIVITIES



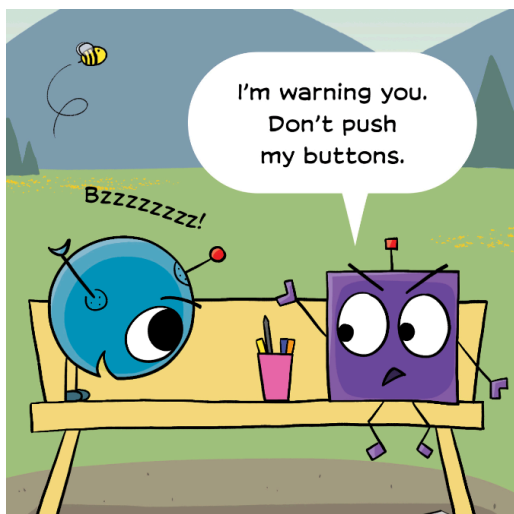
ART - Draw the Friendbots

Author-illustrator Vicky Fang teaches kids of all ages how to draw Blink and Block in this free online video. Watch the video and invite kids to draw Blink and Block.



STEAM - Explore Bugs!

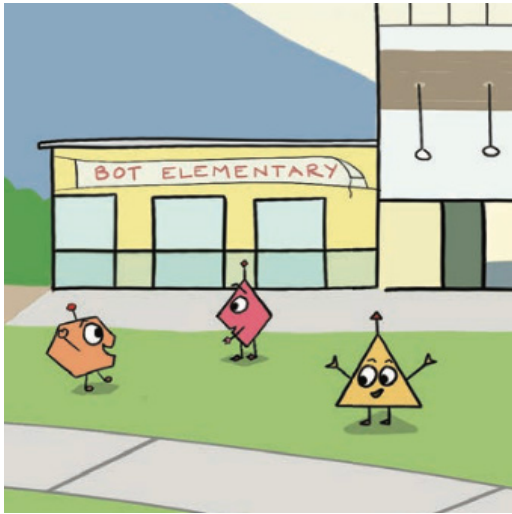
In the book, Blink and Block are drawing bugs. Find books or videos about bugs and talk about the different types. Invite kids to draw and write about their favorites.



SEL - Cooperative Play

In the book, Blink and Block have different ideas of what they'd like to do. Talk about how they end up resolving the problem. Why does Block's approach at the end of the book work better than Blink's approach at the beginning of the book? What other ideas do kids have about playing with others when you can't agree on what to play? Put together a list of ideas together.

MORE ACTIVITIES



Writing - Create a Friendbot

Blink is silly and Block is logical, but every Friendbot is different! Invite kids to create their own Friendbot and come up with their personality/story.

What is a **BUTTON?**

A button is a kind of **sensor**.
It senses—

Butts!

NO. It senses a **press** or a **push**.

Right! Pressing the **butt-on!**

STEAM - All About Buttons

In the back of the book, there is a one-page comic introducing buttons. Read the comic together and then talk about what buttons kids might encounter in their world. For example, buttons on remote controls, elevators, or doorbells. See if you can find any buttons around you!

Share Your Creations!

I can't always respond, but if you tag me on Twitter @fangmous or IG @fangmousbooks, I will do my best! I even sometimes post creations in my [Creation Gallery](#) on my website. Happy reading and making!

-Vicky Fang