

Meet Oliver Phommavanh



About the author

Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it's on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a stand-up comedian. His most recent book *Brain Freeze* is a crazy collection of funny short stories from the wacky mind of bestselling *Thai-riffic!* author, featuring characters who are all finding a way to step up and be brave.

Relevant titles

- *Brain Freeze* (2020)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Learning Area(s)

English

General Capabilities

Literacy, ICT, Intercultural Understanding

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

Suitable for

Stage 3/Years 5-6

Activities and resources

The aim of these resources are to provide a link between the texts and actual application of related issues/topics presented to the classroom. The following activities and resources provide a link between *Brain Freeze* and application of related issues/topics such as **the pandemic (COVID), technology and science, multiculturalism** and **humour** presented in classroom and educational contexts.

Read:

- Teacher's notes for *Brain Freeze*:
<https://www.pegiwilliams.com.au/pdfs/teachernotes/9781760897147.pdf>
- Reading extract from *Brain Freeze* (click on book cover to read 'The Boy with 1000 Names': <https://www.booktopia.com.au/brain-freeze-oliver-phommavanh/book/9781760897147.html>)
- Interview with Oliver Phommavanh about *Brain Freeze*:
<https://paperbarkwords.blog/2020/09/01/oliver-phommavanh-brain-freeze/>

Watch:

- Oliver Phommavanh reads a story from *Brain Freeze*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OR9Zd0fjjQ>

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