Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Springs Into Action

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Zooms to the Rescue

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Stomps the Snow

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What would you do if you had super speed?


SNEAKERS WITH POWER: THE BALLAD OF FREDDIE RAMOS
BY JACQUELINE JULES

The train zooms by at Starwood Park.
All day long and when it’s dark.
A boy named Freddie likes to race.
He hears the train, picks up his pace.

CHORUS:
And he’s got super zapatos!
Sneakers with power!
Freddie Ramos,
Boy of the hour!

Freddie’s off in a wisp of smoke.
The train is left, a sad slowpoke.
With super speed, doing good,
Freddie’s a hero in his neighborhood.

CHORUS:
And he’s got super zapatos!
Sneakers with power!
Freddie Ramos,
Boy of the hour!

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QUESTIONS TO TALK AND WRITE ABOUT:

1. How do you feel when you put on brand new sneakers? Do you ever feel your new shoes will make you run faster than ever before?

2. What is the first thing you would do if you had super speed?

3. If you could have only one super power, what would it be? Super speed? Super strength? Super hearing? Super vision?

4. What are the pros and cons of each superpower? Make a list.

5. If you could be invisible, what would you do?

6. Would it be hard to learn how to use superpowers?

7. Would you use your superpower to win a contest or athletic game?

8. Would you keep your superpower a secret from teachers and friends? If you told only one person, who would it be?

9. If you had superpowers, would you try to stop bullies or be a crime fighter?

10. Would you enjoy doing good deeds even if no one knew you were responsible?

11. Would you be willing to help someone you did not like?

12. Would having a superpower change how you feel about yourself?

13. Would the world be a better place if every city had a superhero?

14. If you were a superhero, what would you call yourself? What kind of costume would you wear? What kind of adventures would you want to have?

In the Zapato Power books, Freddie zooms from one place to another with his super powered shoes. Encourage young readers to chant "Zoom, Zoom Zapato" during a read aloud by holding up the sign on the first page of this guide.

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