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Enhancing Your **ACCESSIBILITY FILTER**

or gaining entrance into a world of words that can make success in life a distinct reality



Mr. Fundy's
Read-to-Succeed
CHALLENGE

Introduction

Fewer word imprints earlier in life often translate into smaller world footprints later in life. What you read has an impact on where you step. If you step up your reading game right now, you're likely to keep in step with better opportunities that come your way down the road. The good news? You can still book your ticket to future success even if you pick up reading a bit later. But why delay what you can start today?!

You see, what we're able to achieve has a lot to do with what we're exposed to beyond the borders of our typical surroundings. Even if you've never ventured outside of your environment, reading can serve as the de facto (or stand-in) tour guide to help you experience a more uplifting and prosperous future. A good book can enhance your accessibility skills of what could be and expand your empathy skills for those less fortunate.

Possibility imagines, opportunity seeks, and accessibility enters. Similar terms that are connected but quite different. Picturing is good, seeking is better, but entering is best. Access granted allows your opportunity to flourish and possibility to nourish. That amazing thought of what could be for you, what will be for you, and eventually, what shall be for you. Here's where the shackles of limitations must be broken because of the prophecy spoken. It goes something like this, "That dream, goal, or ambition you envision is within reach once your inside word and outside world collide."

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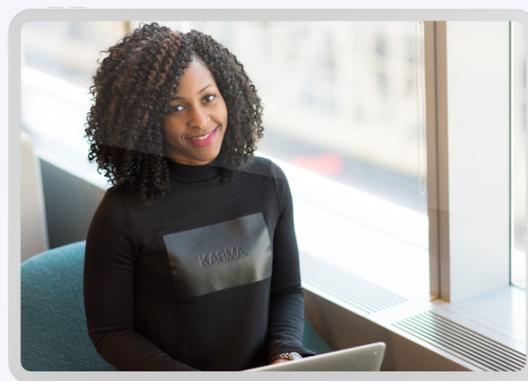
Important Action Steps

1.

Time for some bookwork for the bookworms who have gained access into an exciting world, one that offers favorable outcomes but without any guarantees. On the following page, list three insights from a book that have offered you special privileges to enter special places that were once password protected.



Example: “As a first-generation college graduate and avid reader, my four-year degree opened doors that would have never been possible with just a high school diploma.” — Michelle W.



⦿ **Privileged Special Place #1**

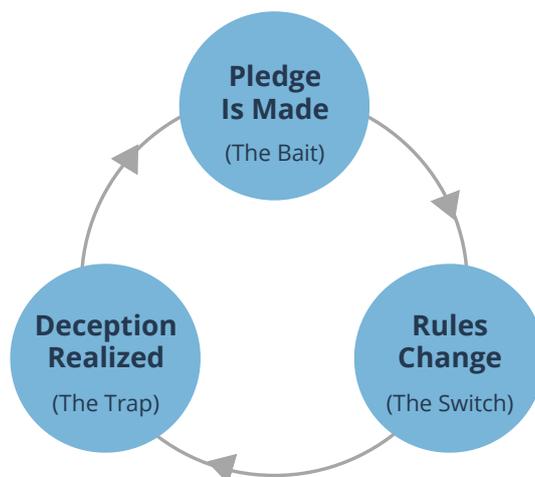
⦿ **Privileged Special Place #2**

⦿ **Privileged Special Place #3**

2.

The Ensnarement Wheel

How Accessibility Traps Capture Victims



The lure of *accessibility traps* is quite tempting. But reading can alert you to stay clear of accessibility traps while navigating accessibility maps. Being overconfident, hanging with the wrong crowd, and getting caught up in fantasy land are just a few of the pitfalls that can padlock the entrance door to a better world.

You’ve heard the expression, “If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.” The bait. The switch. The trap. Some bestselling books highlight this three-part setup when unsuspecting victims chase a dream of grandeur; a few of the bestsellers are even turned into blockbuster movies. But where big-screen motion pictures usually fall short is in the details; books in which the movie scripts are based rarely do. Write down three accessibility traps that a book helped you avoid or escape from. Be illustrative in how you were able to pull this off.

Example: “A book I read in middle school highlighted how strong peer pressure is to try drugs. It gave me a head start when I was faced with the same temptation, and I emphatically stated, ‘No way.’ But the walkaway sealed the deal for me.” — David T.



⦿ **Avoidance or Escape Route #1**

⦿ **Avoidance or Escape Route #2**

⦿ **Avoidance or Escape Route #3**

3.

The walkaway mentee in the previous example learned a valuable lesson from his walkaway mentor, the book author. A lifestyle of pain on drugs and a lifetime of worry for the family who loves him were likely averted. Now you see why reading a good book is so important? Near or far off, walkaway mentors, walkout mentors, and walkathon mentors stand on principle. *Walkaway mentors* see the danger and remove themselves from a potentially bad situation. *Walkout mentors* aren't afraid to stand up to unfair practices or power structures. Finally, *walkathon mentors* go the distance to do what's right when they, or others, are treated wrong. Provide a lesson learned from each type of mentor in connection with a book you've read.



Example #1 In the book, *The Forgiveness Project*, I (Mr. Fundy) learned how to walkaway from bitterness and let go of past hurts inflicted on me by others.

Example #2 Former Ohio State football star and college football analyst, Robert Smith, is the classic walkout mentor. He ended his stellar NFL career while still in his prime and bravely brought attention to what he thought were unfair practices in high stakes sports. These were highlighted in a book authored by Smith.

Example #3 *Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell, inspired me (Mr. Fundy) to discover what separates the great from everyone else is the walkathon distance they create through targeted, growth measures over a long period of time.

☉ Walkaway Mentor Lesson

☉ Walkout Mentor Lesson

☉ Walkathon Mentor Lesson



Be sure to move on to worksheet #4, *Stimulating Your Creativity Filter*.