

Preview

War with Grandpa

Novel unit for Special Ed

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Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *War with Grandpa* by Robert Kimmel Smith.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 8) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is such an important life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited their child is being exposed to age appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest level learners, you will have 1 or 2 that will truly enjoy the story.
 - It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read in a methodical way.

Suggestions for Use

- For students who need more structure, place the number of post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- As you finish each chapter, there is an activity for your students to complete.
- Differentiation:
 - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower level learners by using a color coding technique.
 - If sorting, outline each sorting category a certain color and then outline the corresponding pictures the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- I purposefully did not include an assessment in this unit, because I did not feel that would be the goal of reading a higher level novel over such an extended period of time. Instead, you should be focused on shaping and teaching the behavior of sitting.
- *I have started adding an option to use when you want students to have to choose between correct and incorrect answers in some of the activities. I am still including an errorless version as well. Hopefully, this will address even more learning levels in your class!*
- Starting with this novel unit, I will now have two separate files, one in color and one in black and white. I hope this will make it easier for printing and referencing. There will be some duplication, but the price will not increase.

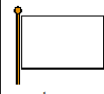
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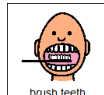
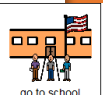















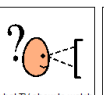


 Peter	 Mom	 Dad	 Jenny	 Grandpa Jack	 bedroom
 war	 stairs	 attic	 move	 steal	 note
 Peter's friends	 clock radio	 tricked you	 sad	 family	 basement
 game	 slippers	 watch	 teeth	 fishing	 truce
 repeat that	 turn the page	 I like that	 I don't like that		

Storyboard

Peter talks about things he would and would not make his kids do some day. What things do you think are good and bad things to make kids do?


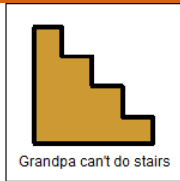



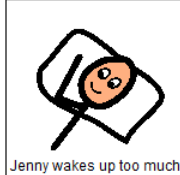
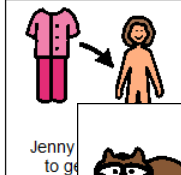
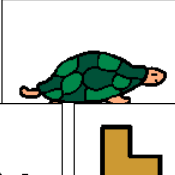



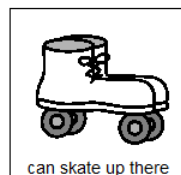
Sorting

 brush teeth	 go to school	 favorite color	 eat vegetables	 crossing street
 don't play with matches	 who friends should be	 don't play with electricity	 sports to play	 take vitamins
 games to play	 favorite ice cream	 what to dream about	 brush hair	 what to wish for
 color socks to wear	 don't mess with poison	 what TV show to watch	 favorite superhero	 exercise

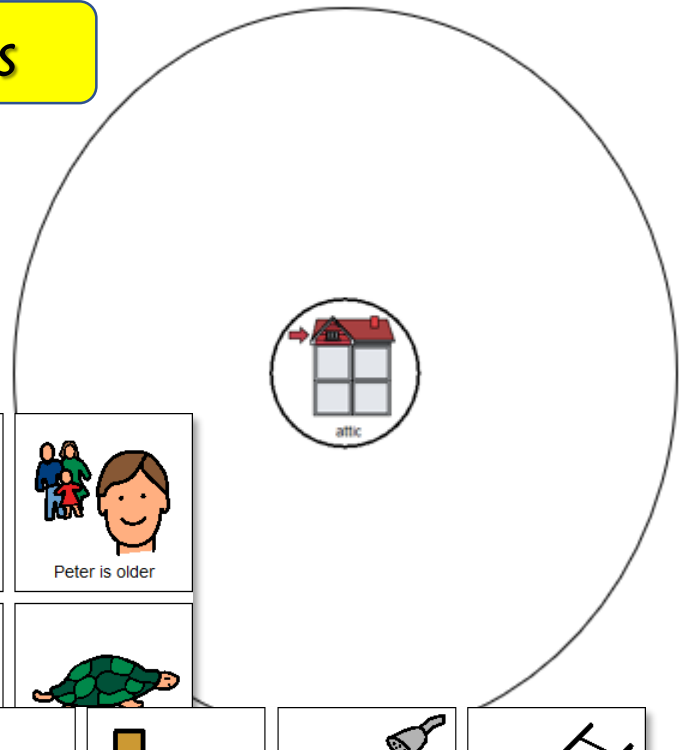
Circle maps

Errorless option

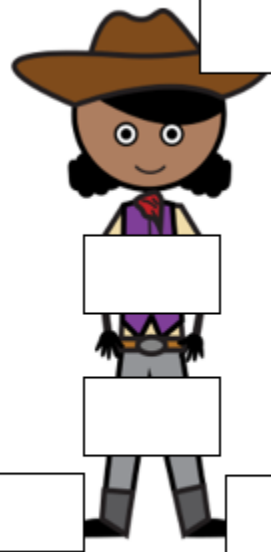
 Grandpa has a bad leg	 Grandpa can't do stairs	 no shower upstairs	 Peter is older
 Jenny is too young	 Jenny wakes up too much	 Jenny to get	 Turtle

 raccoon lives up there	 Grandpa can't do stairs	 no shower upstairs	 have to climb ladder
 Jenny is too young	 ghost lives up there	 Jenny needs help to get dressed	 Jenny is a slow poke
 Grandpa has a bad leg	 Jenny wakes up too much	 can skate up there	 Peter is older

Why does Peter need to move to the attic?

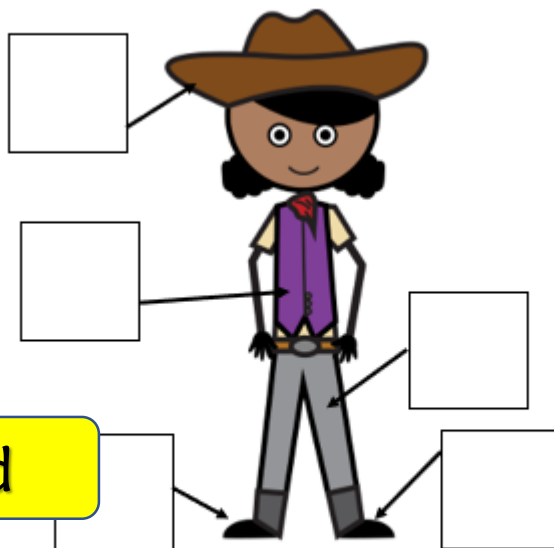


Peter's sister, Jennifer, is a walking billboard with all her clothes labeled. Look at the girl below, and add the labels in the right places.



So much more!!

Peter's sister, Jennifer, is a walking billboard with all her clothes labeled. Look at the girl below, and add the labels in the right places.



hat

vest

pants

left shoe

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differentiated



vest



pants



hat

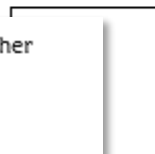
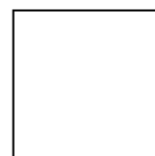


left shoe



right shoe

Peter is being very sneaky. Complete the picture below showing how Peter is being sneaky.



middle of the night



typed a note



used a flashlight



quiet



avoid squeaky boards



turn knob slowly



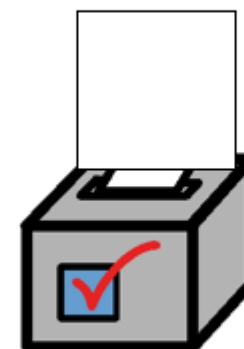
set alarm to 3:00am



tiptoed



Time to vote!! Do you think Grandpa should give Peter his room back?



yes



no

Jenny needs a tutu to dance. Match the equipment with the activity you need it for.



My Fishing Story

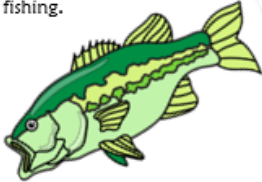
I went to the to go fishing.

I took my best .

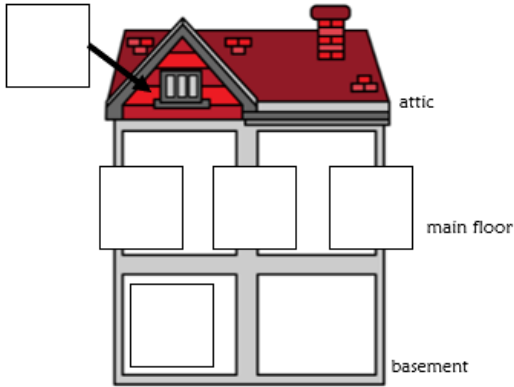
It took a long time, but I caught a fish as big as a .

But then, it .

It was a day!!



Where do everyone end up settling in the house?



Grandpa took the pieces for the Monopoly game. Find the missing pieces for the games below.



More activities than you will need.... So, you can pick and choose what will work best and use it year after year even with the same students!!