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Fact

Opinion



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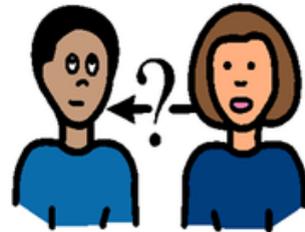


This unit was created with this guy in mind. He has autism and an intellectual disability. He is a non-reader but loves books and stories. With some support he is able to do this unit, and enjoys the challenge. He is my tester!!

Fact or Opinion

Unit for Special Education

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- Lesson plan
- Voice recorded PowerPoint
- Directions and links to digital activities

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This unit contains almost 100 pages of material. I have included a detailed lesson plan to help you make the most of everything in this unit including how to add some group activities.

Fact or Opinion Lesson Plan

Preparation

- Print out a vocabulary board for each student to use throughout unit
 - Laminate or place in page protector
- Book
 - Print out, laminate, and bind

Preassessment (do day 1 before starting lesson)

- Use the quiz to assess what your students may already know
- I cannot emphasize enough how important this step is. If you want to see growth, this preassessment is so important!!

Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding:* this is a really easy way to add more structure to a matching activity. Outline or color in an empty box or sorting label. Outline or color in the corresponding picture symbols the same colors. Becomes a color matching task.
 - a. For more info, read more here:
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2015/09/05/using-color-coding-for-differentiation/>
 - b. I also have a blog post on differentiating one activity 3 ways:
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2018/10/22/differentiating-1-activity-3-ways-easily-and-effectively/>
2. *Make your own copies of the activities:* Every day I review the activity we did yesterday. For that reason:
 - a. I often complete the activity myself and often laminated it for easy review that I could use year after year.
 - b. My copies were also helpful as either a model for students who needed more support or as a way for more advanced students to self-check their work.
3. *Options for Use:* Turn any activity into a reusable file folder activity by laminating and adding Velcro.
 - a. For more info, watch this video here:
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Making-File-Folder-Activities-3474240>

The lesson plans contain:

Overall tips for teaching
students with significant
needs

Quick Look

Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• Circle map
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• Circle map
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• Venn diagram
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• Id fact or opinion in various examples
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• <u>Id</u> fact or opinion in a short story
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocab board activity• <u>Id</u> fact or opinion in a short story
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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quiz

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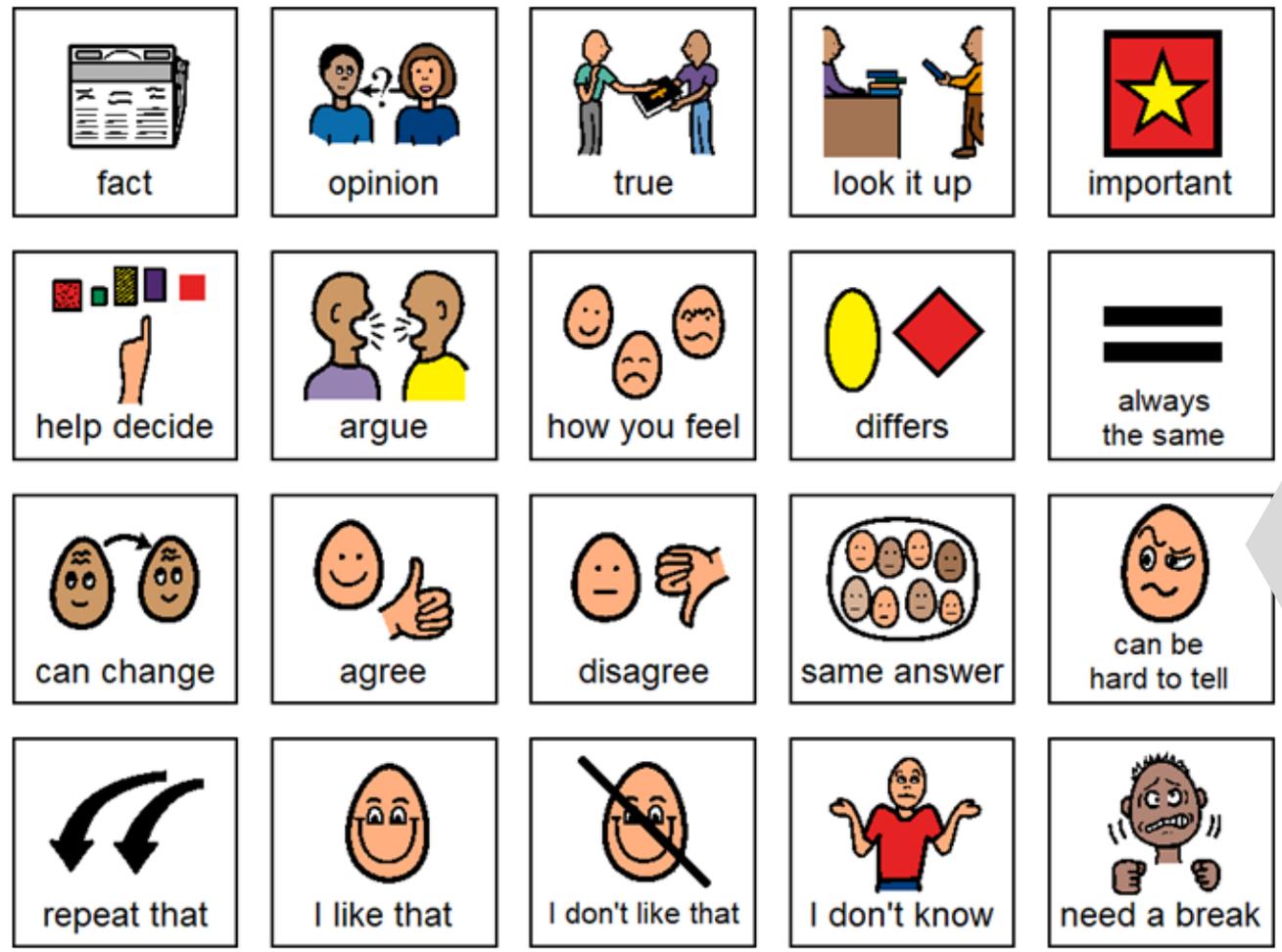
A quick look at what you will do each day

Day 5

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read the book: Fact or Opinion (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read through the story, asking lots of questions• Continue to make connections between book and vocabulary board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocabulary board
Vocabulary board Bean Bag Toss (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glue the cut apart symbols to the paper plates (one on each plate)• Arrange them around the room• Students toss the bean bag trying to get it to land on a paper plate• Students retrieve the paper plate and share the vocabulary symbol they retrieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary board cut apart• Small paper plates (you can also use pieces of construction paper)• Bean bags
Id fact or opinion in examples review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the worksheets completed yesterday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worksheets completed yesterday
Id fact or opinion in a short story (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the 2 stories• Read the story aloud and have students identify if it is composed of facts or opinions• See if students can identify the clues they used to make their decision• Optional: color in picture when done• Make connections to book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Story• "Pencils"
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student shares their finished worksheets with the group using the communication method of their choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed worksheet• Communication devices

The lesson plans contain:

Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run



This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

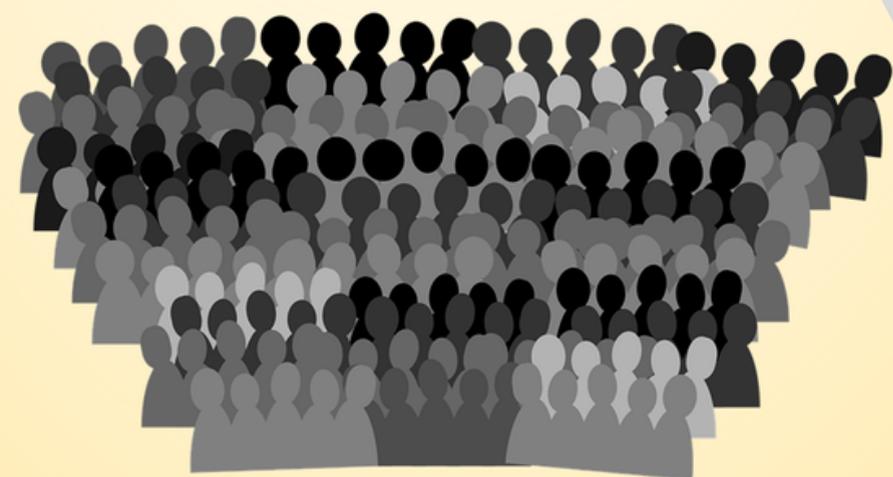
Tips on how to use included in the unit!!

But how can you tell the difference between a fact and opinion? And why should we care?



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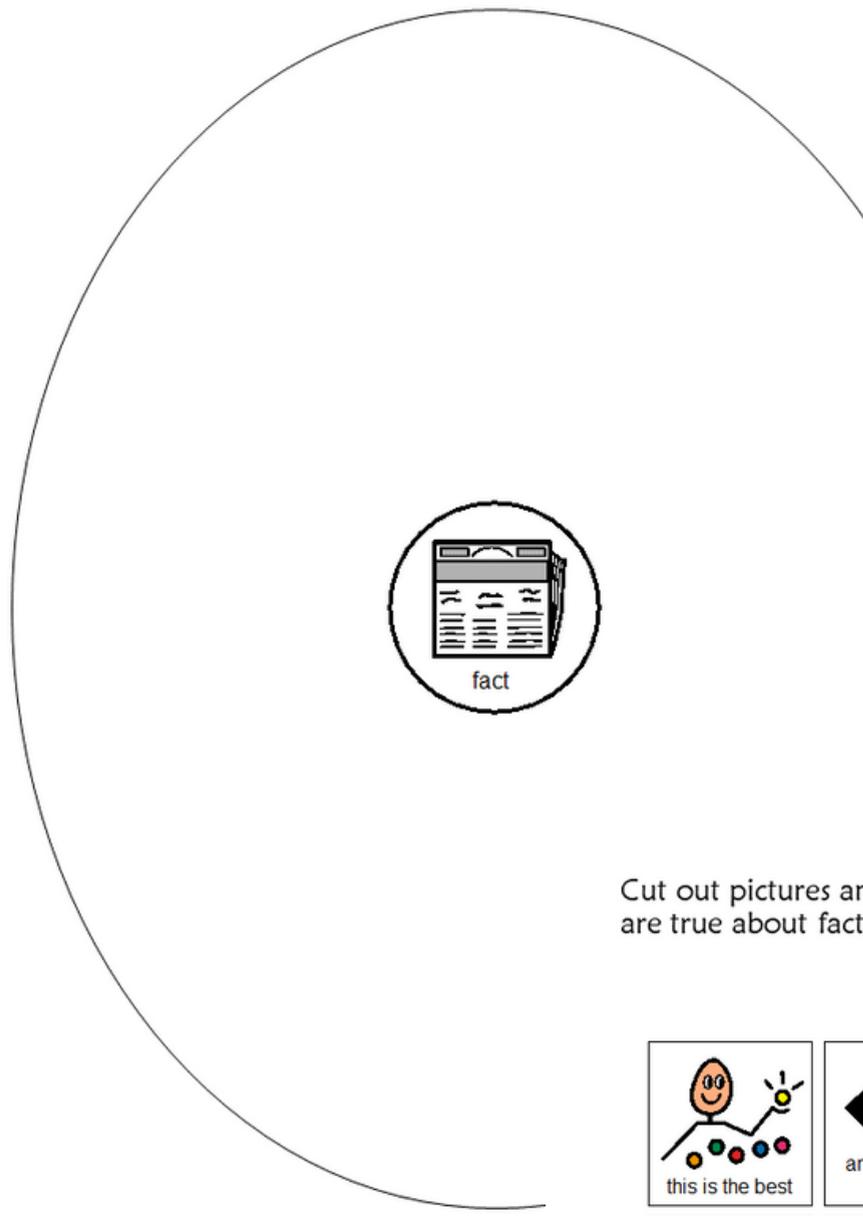
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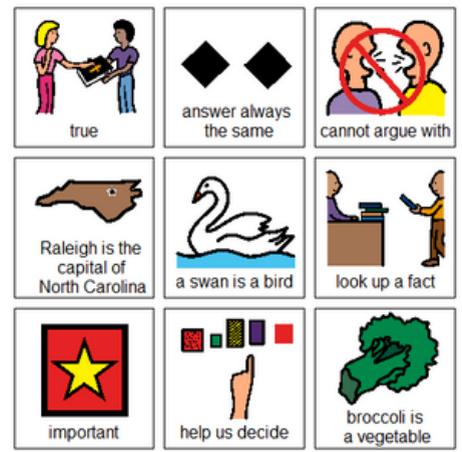
There is a book with this unit using simple text and photos. It is 24 pages and reviews the difference between fact and opinion.

It comes in pdf versions as well as a voice-recorded PowerPoint and movie file (so you don't have to print it out.)



errorless

Cut out pictures and place in circle map on facts.



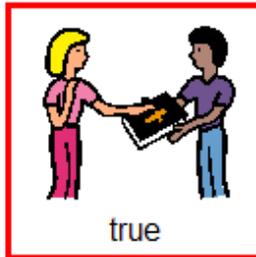
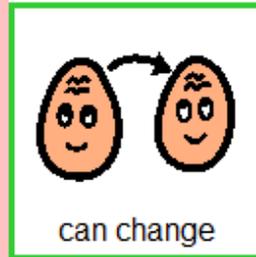
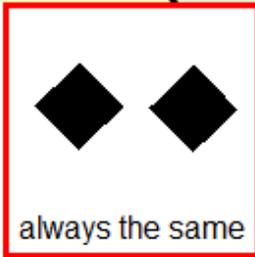
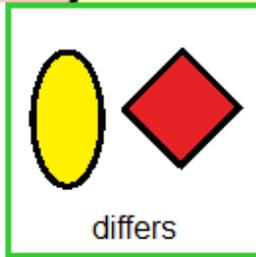
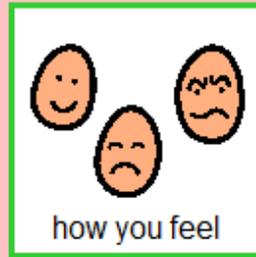
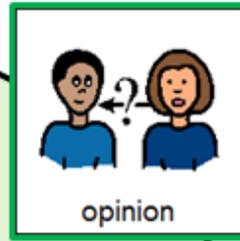
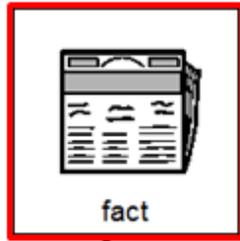
Cut out pictures and place in circle map **ONLY IF** they are true about facts.



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This unit contains 2 circle maps, one on facts and one on opinions. Circle maps are a great way to get the "big picture" of a topic. There are **2 versions**:

1. Errorless option with only correct answers
2. Wrong answers mixed in that students will have to set aside.



There is a Venn diagram where students can compare facts and opinions. There is a color-coded version included for students who need more support.

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differentiated

Circle the correct answer.

1. The president of the United States lives in the White House.



2. Dinosaurs are extinct.



3. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is the best book in the series.



4. The Dallas Cowboys are the best football team.



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Circle the correct answer.

5. Learning how to play golf is important.



6. Tom Brady is a football player.



7. Apples can be red, green or yellow.



8. Vegetables are disgusting on pizza.



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Circle the correct answer.

9. Eating healthy and exercising can help you live longer.



10. Playing video games is really fun.



11. You should go to bed at 10:00pm every night.



12. Reindeer live in cold climates like Greenland.



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There are 3 worksheets where students circle if the example is a fact or an opinion.

Penguins



Penguins are a type of bird that live in one of the coldest parts of the world, Antarctica. How do they stay warm? They have many layers of feathers and a thick coating of fat to help protect against the cold. Penguins will also huddle close together in a tight circle to help stay warm.

Circle the best answer.



fact



opinion

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10 passages

Ice Cream

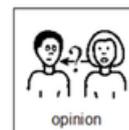


I love ice cream. It is the best dessert you can have. There are many flavors out there, but I think cookies and cream is the best ice cream there is! It is so creamy and delicious. Why would anyone try any other flavor?

Circle the best answer.



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There are 10 sort passages for students to read and identify if it contains facts or opinions. Suggestions for differentiation are included.

Fact or Opinion Quiz

1. An opinion is how you _____ about something.



feel



know



learn

2. A fact is always _____.



a lie



changing



true

3. The earth is the third planet from the sun is a:



fact



opinion



guess

4. If you asked 100 people their opinion, all the answers would be:



same



funny



different

5. True or false. You can change an opinion, but you cannot change a fact.



true



false



I don't know

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 - Changing
 - True
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 - Fact
 - Opinion
 - Guess
- If you asked 100 people their opinion, all the answers would be:
 - Same
 - Funny
 - Different
- True or false. You can change an opinion, but you cannot change a fact.
 - True
 - False
 - I don't know

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FINALLY, there is a 5 question quiz. It comes in this version with pictures and one that is traditional multiple choice.

Answer key included.

Watch the movie on facts and opinions.

So, if you asked 100 people the same question about an opinion, you would get many different answers.



This unit has digital versions of the activities as well. There is a movie version of the book students can watch.

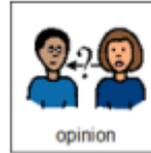


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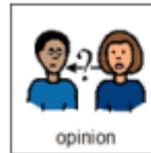
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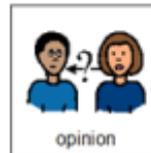
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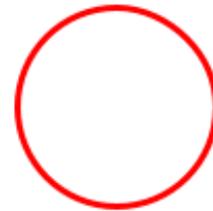
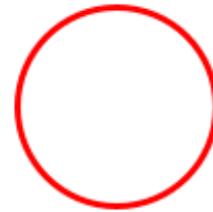
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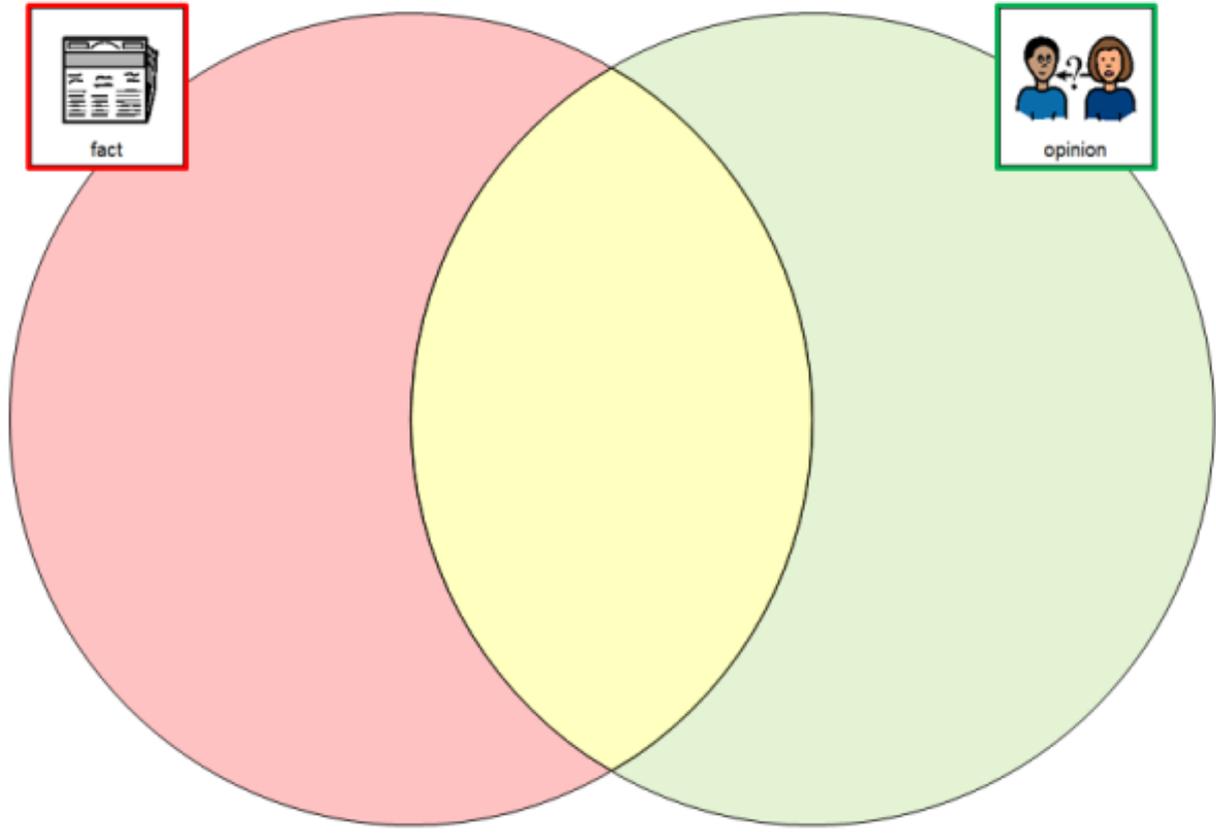
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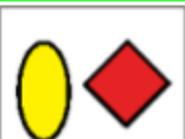
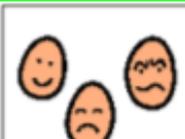
Circle the correct answer.



There are 2 sets of slides. One set has no differentiation. Students will click and drag the answers into the empty boxes.



Place pictures in the correct location on the Venn Diagram comparing facts and opinions.

 differs	 how you feel	 always the same
 you can look it up	 ok to argue	 can't
 cannot look it up	 true	 help us decide
 found in stories	 can't argue with	

The second set has color-coding for differentiation. Students click and drag answers. There are a total of 24 slides in each set.



I realize there will be some students out there unable to do cutting activities. I have a blog post with ways to complete activities without a pair of scissors!!

[Click Here to read more!!](#)