

Special Ed

HOLE

55 activities

chapter
questions

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Special Needs for Special Kids

I created and started using these novel units in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges, and most were non-readers. Creating these novel units was one of the best things I ever did in my classroom, and my students loved them.



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This novel unit has **55 different activities**. These activities are NOT comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

What is a Fossil?



When an animal or plant dies in the wild, it will decay and sink into the earth. This is a natural process that helps recycle nutrients into a form the environment can use. Over time more mud and dirt piles on top of the animal's body and ends up dissolving it, leaving behind an impression where the bones once were. This impression can be seen in the stones and dried mud that has hardened over time. This impression is called a fossil.

Fossils are one way we have learned about plants and animals that no longer are alive on the earth. Fossils can take hundreds, thousands, or even millions of years to form. Certain scientists, called paleontologists, dig up, find and identify fossils.

Not all animals and plants that die become fossils. Conditions have to be just right. That is why if you ever find one, you should be excited. It is a rare find!

Answer the following questions about fossils.

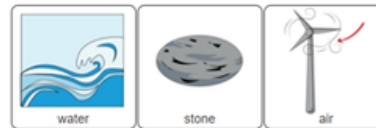
1. Fossils are often very:



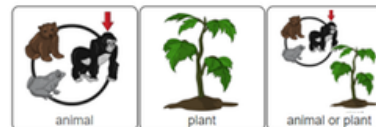
2. Scientists that find and identify fossils are called:



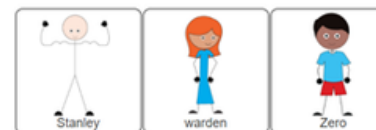
3. Fossils form in:



4. A fossil can be a:



5. Who found a fossil in the book, Holes?



For example, students will read a fact sheet about what a fossil is and then answer some questions concerning what they learned.

Complete the circle map below with facts about rattlesnakes.



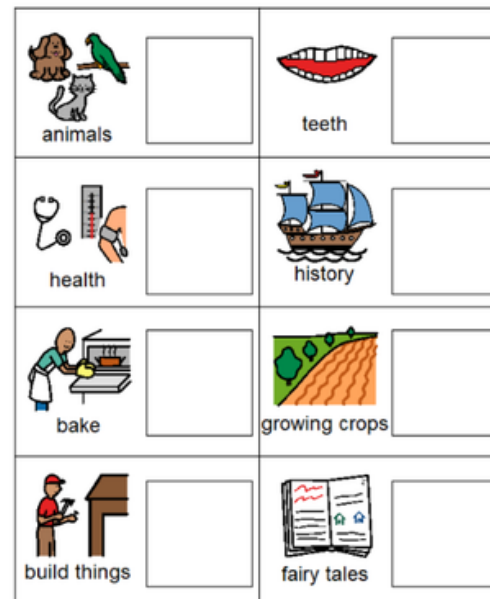
Move the correct answers into the circle on the left side.



Activities and chapter questions come in a digital format as well.

The DIGITAL activities are designed for students to **move the answer pieces directly on the slides.**

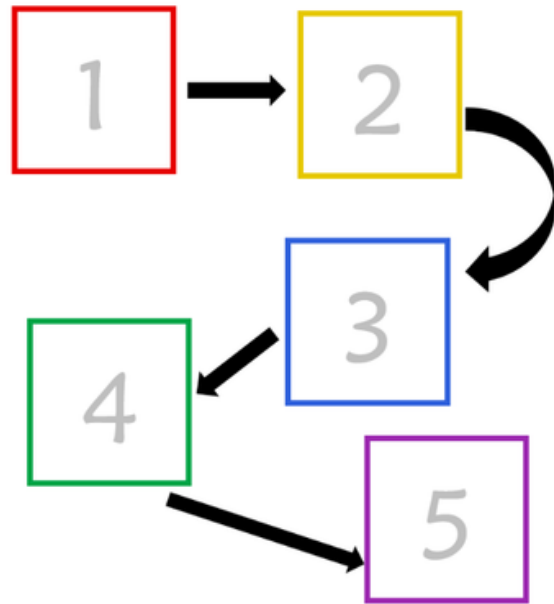
Find the best career for each interest below.



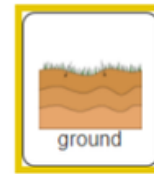
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The warden has the boys "re-dig" the dirt. Follow the path of the dirt.

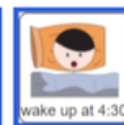
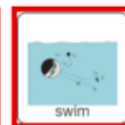
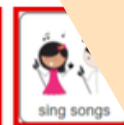
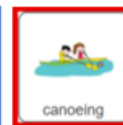


Move each answer to its matching box on the left side.



Camp Green Lake is not like a normal summer camp. Sort the activities on the following page into those that would be done at a normal camp and those done at Camp Green Lake.

Move each answer to the correct category on the left side.



A differentiated set of digital activities is also included.

They use color coding or present an errorless option for students who need more support.

Each time you finish a chapter, there will be an activity your students can do.

The activity will relate to something that occurred in the chapter.

These are cut-and-paste activities supported by pictures, or you can assign them as click-and-drag Google Slides.

Optional: Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer five multiple-choice questions about that chapter.

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This unit does come with comprehension questions. Because the chapters are short, there are 105 questions for the book.

- Key to show which chapter each question comes from
- Answer key

1. Does Camp Green Lake sound like a nice place to visit?



2. Who goes to Camp Green Lake?



3. Who does Stanley's family blame for all their bad luck?



4. Why is Stanley going to Camp Green Lake?



5. What will Stanley have to do each day?



11. How long is each shovel the boys use to dig with?

2

feet

5

feet

25

feet

12. What did Madame Zeroni give to Elya?



13. Where was Elya supposed to carry the pig every day?



14. What did Elya want to use the pig for?



15. Did Elya marry Myra?



Questions

Circle the correct answer

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Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Holes* by Louis Sachar.
- 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. 10) 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.

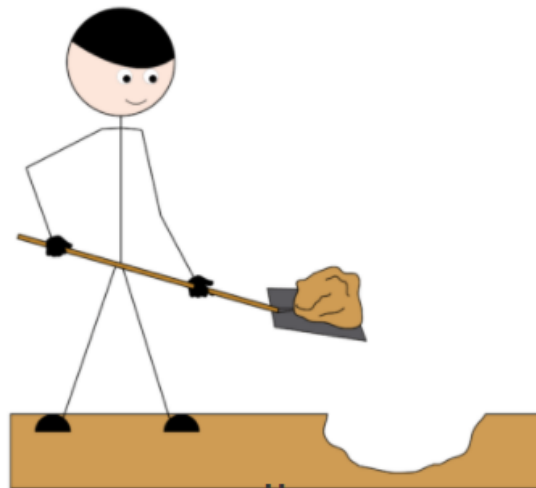
Suggestions on how I found this activity worked best in my classroom are provided. I typically had 6-8 students with one adult assistant in the room with me.

Color Version

Holes

Novel Unit for Special Education

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This entire novel unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.



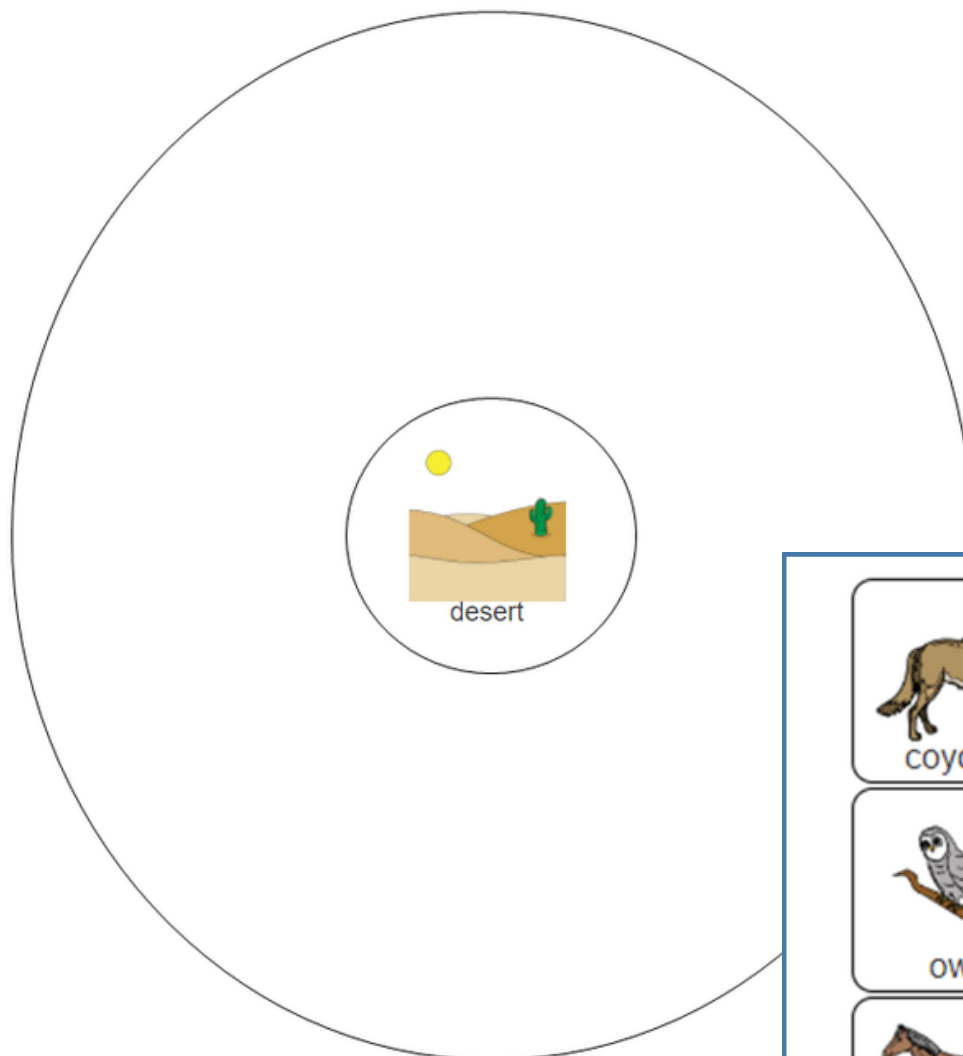
Story Board : to use with students and for class discussions. Laminate and make 1 copy for each student.

This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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

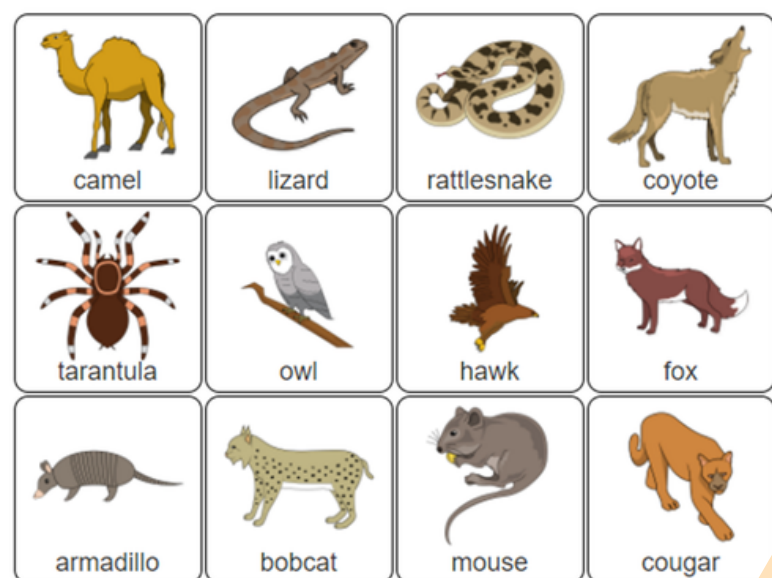
Tips on how to use in the unit!!

There are many animals that live in the desert. Complete the circle map below showing what animals you may find there.



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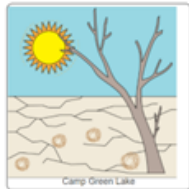
ERRORLESS VERSION



There are circle maps in this unit.

Circle maps are a great way for students to see a big idea.

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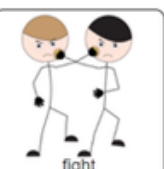
There are sorting activities.

Directions on how to add color coding or a separate differentiated version are included.

 dig holes	 arts and crafts	 work hard	 canoeing
 sing songs	 s'mores	 swim	 campfire
 guards	 wake up at 4:30	 fishing	 cold shower

Trouble is brewing

Since X-ray did not tell the truth about where the gold tube was found, the digging has not led to more treasures being found. The warden is getting mad. Look at each picture below. Glue a T in the box if you think it will lead to trouble. Glue an OK symbol if you don't think it will not lead to trouble.

 lie		 cheat	
 wash dishes		 study	
 fight		 make a mess	
 wrap present		 swear	

There are matching activities.

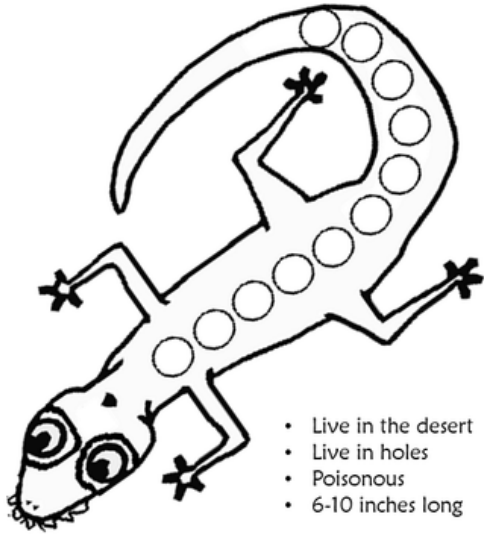
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Place the letter T in the box if you think trouble is brewing. Place an OK symbol if you think everything will be okay.

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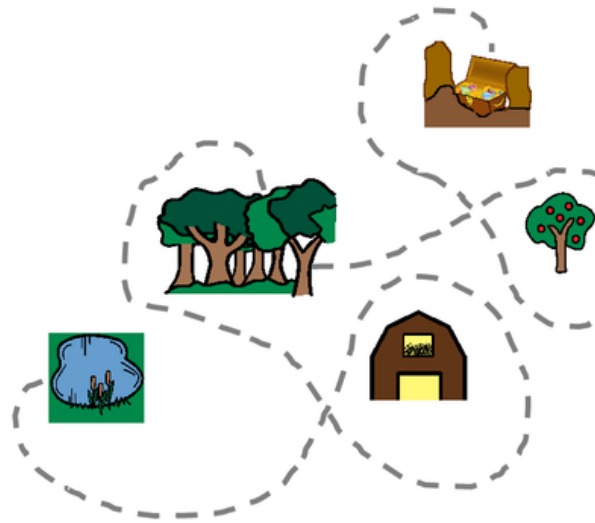
Color the yellow spotted lizard below.

- Yellow body
- 11 yellow spots
- Red rimmed eyes
- Yellow eyes
- Black teeth

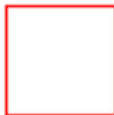


- Live in the desert
- Live in holes
- Poisonous
- 6-10 inches long

Look at the treasure map below. Start at the pond and trace the path and then record where the treasure is.



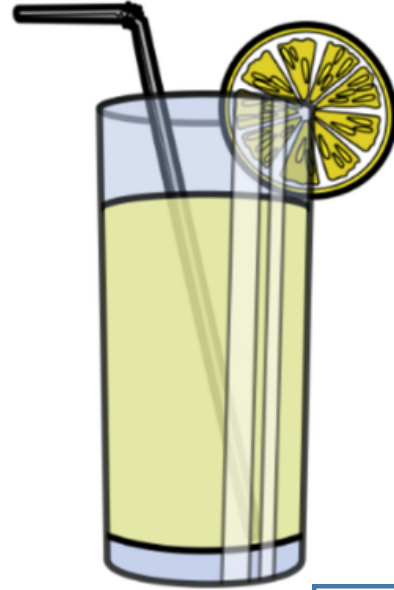
The treasure is



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Place the things on the next page in the cup to show what makes a person thirsty.



Move the correct answers into the circle on the left side.



chips



peanuts



hot sun



hot

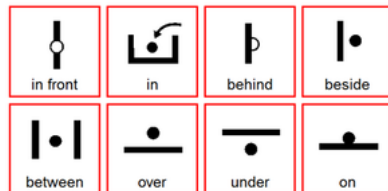


popcorn



pretzels

Choose the correct preposition and correct location of the treasure chest.



Elya wants to marry Myra, but he needs a pig to take to her father. Madame Zeroni tells him what to do to make his pig get big enough. Sequence the events below to ensure Elya will have a big enough pig.



Place an X on the one things Elya does NOT do and leads to years of bad luck.



Because there are so many activities, you can choose the ones that fit your students the best.