

# **Little House on the Prairie (for special ed)**

**39 activities**

**5 comprehension  
questions /chapter**



Special Needs for Special Kids







These novel units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers** (like my little guy). They were the best thing I ever did, and my students LOVED them.



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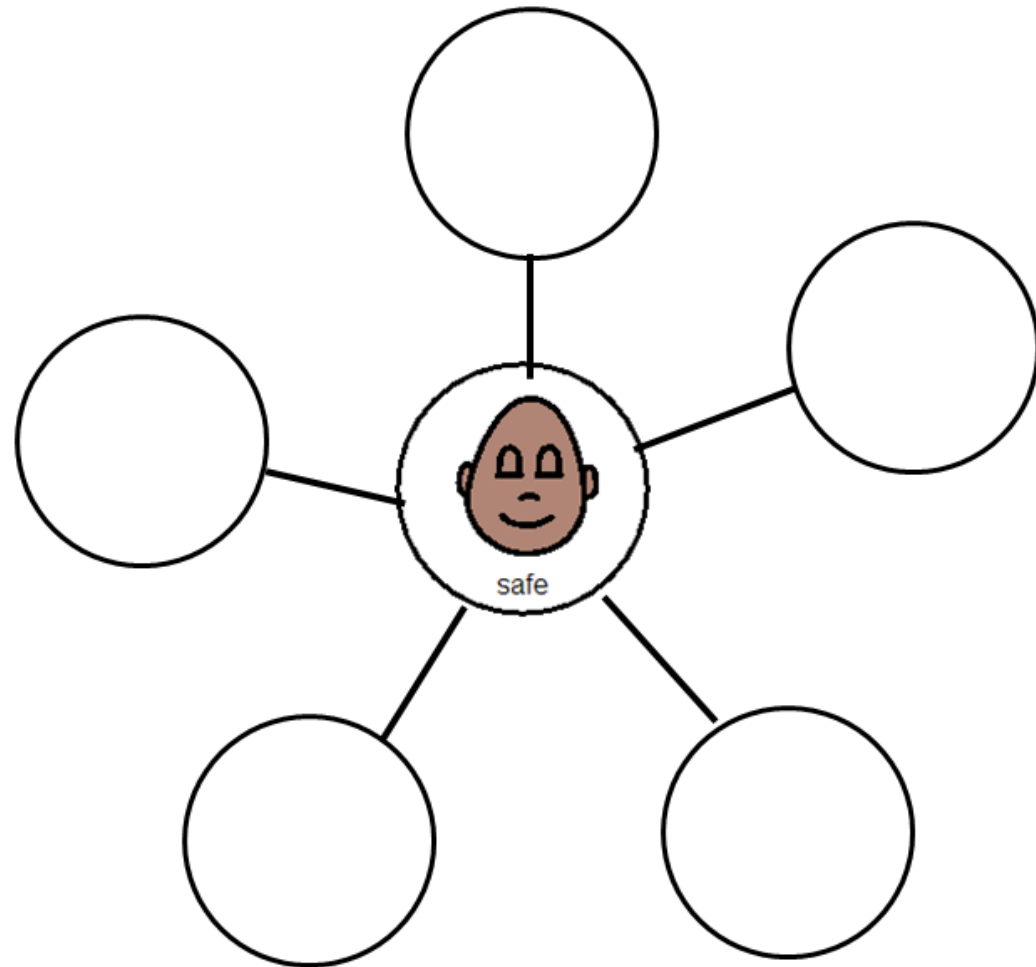
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This novel unit has **39** different activities.

These activities are NOT comprehension based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.



Pa uses the candle to make sure it is safe to go down in the well. What are some safety measures we use?



For example, Pa uses a candle to check the well for safety. This activity looks at different types of safety measures people use.



## Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- 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 on how I found this activity worked best in my classroom are provided. I typically had 6-8 students in grades K-5 with one adult assistant in the room with me.



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comes in 2 separate files.  
One is completely in color  
and one is completely in  
black and white.*





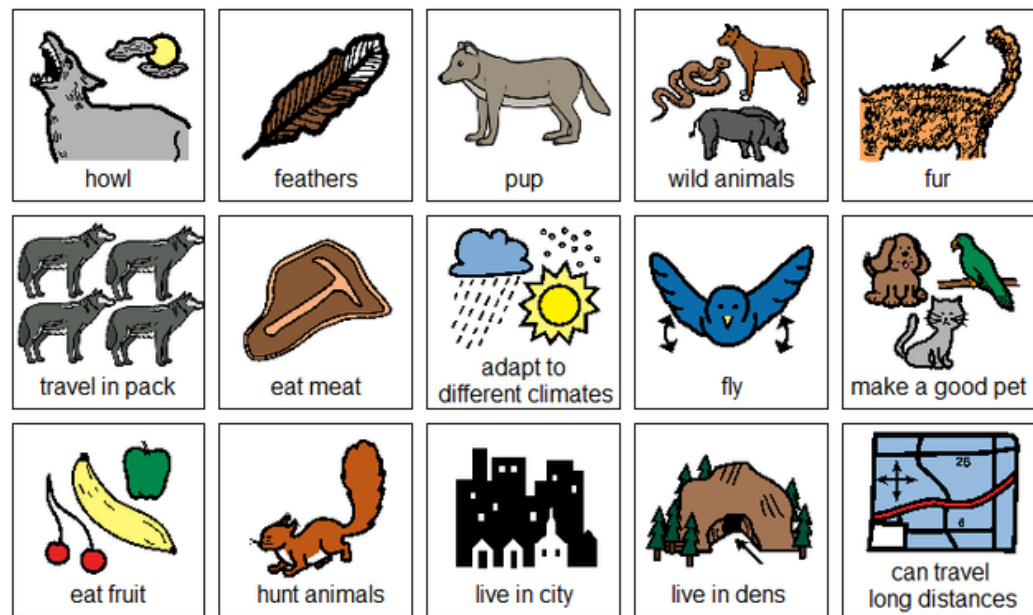
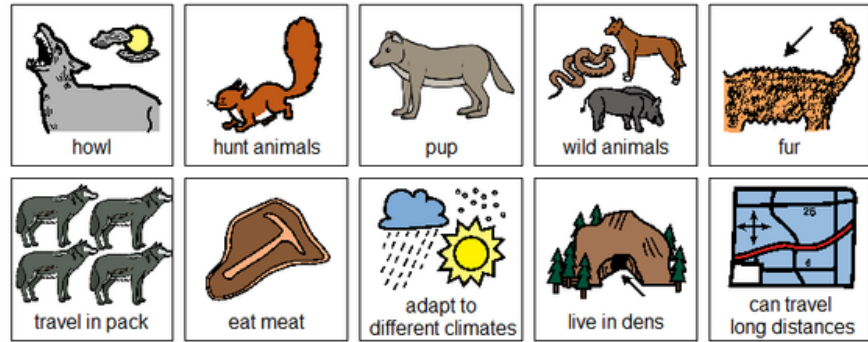
This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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

Tips on how to use in the unit!!



What are some things you know about wolves?



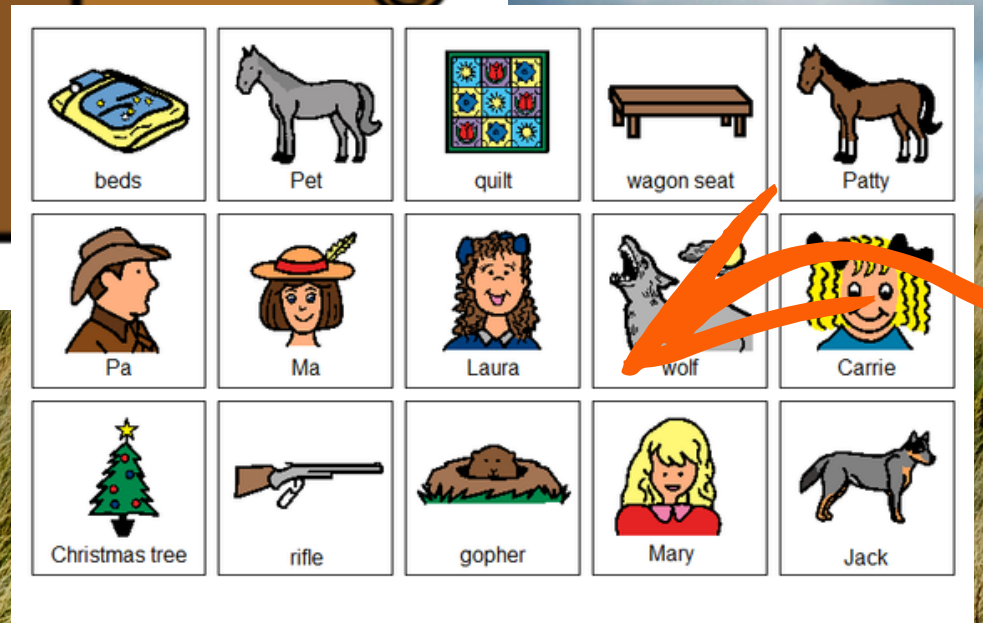
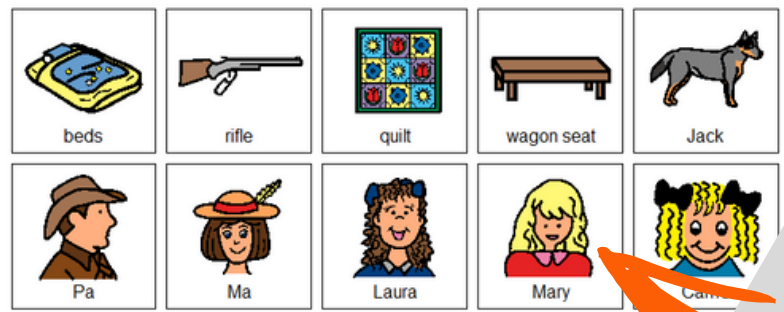
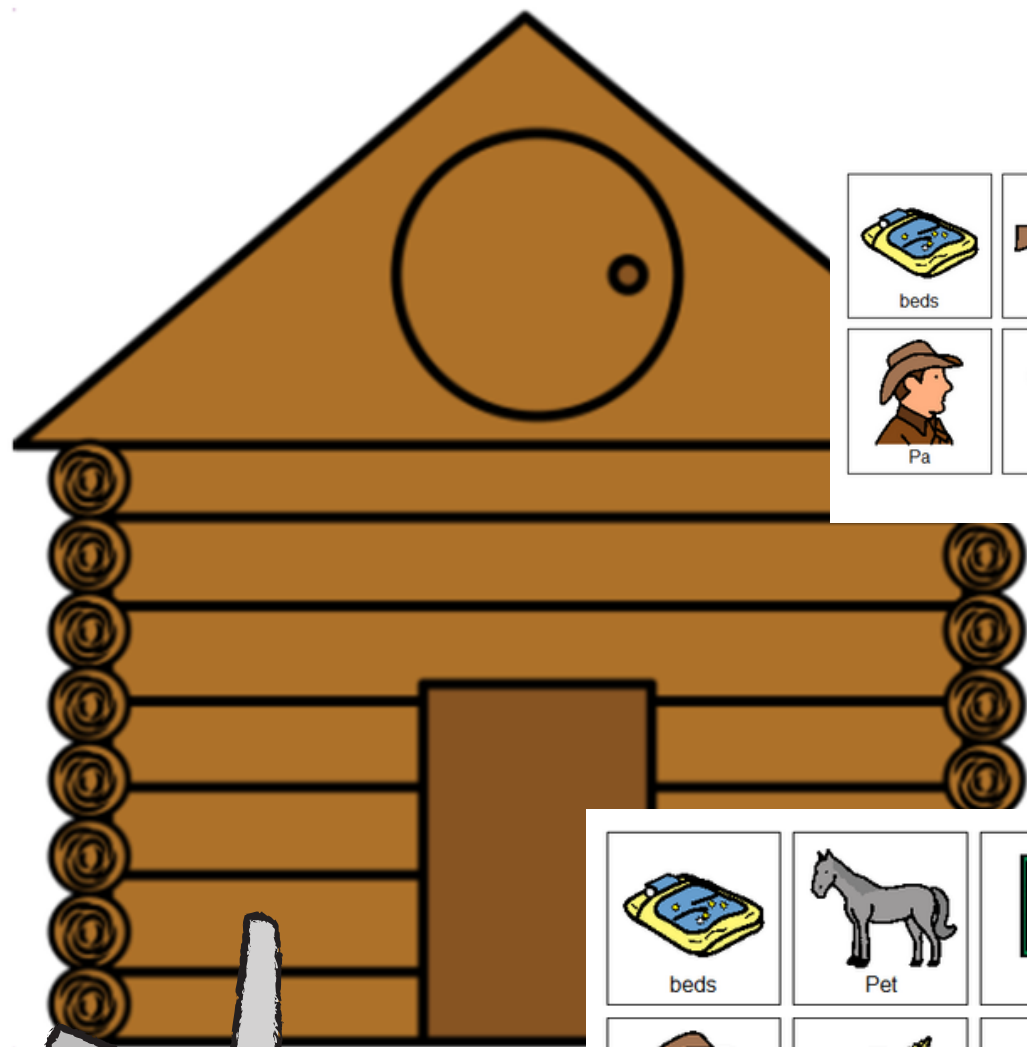
There are circle maps in this unit.

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





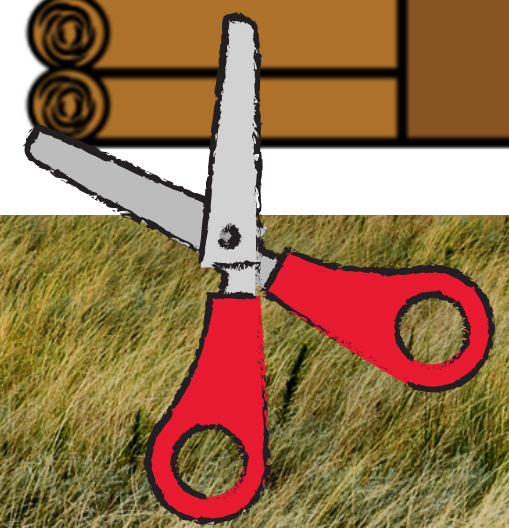
Now that Pa is done the house, what are some things that are inside?



Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

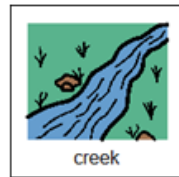
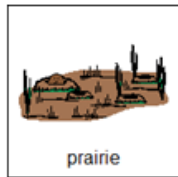
An errorless option with only correct answers


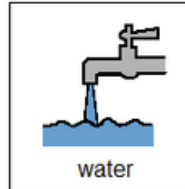

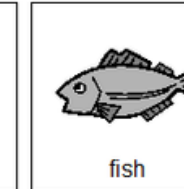
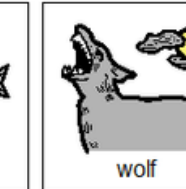

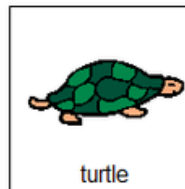
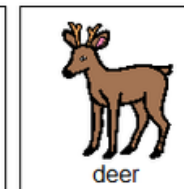
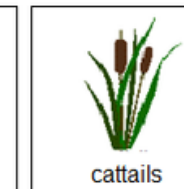

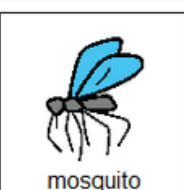

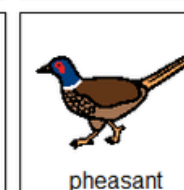
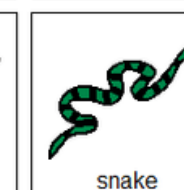
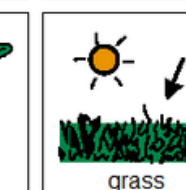
An option that has wrong answers mixed in students will need to set aside.





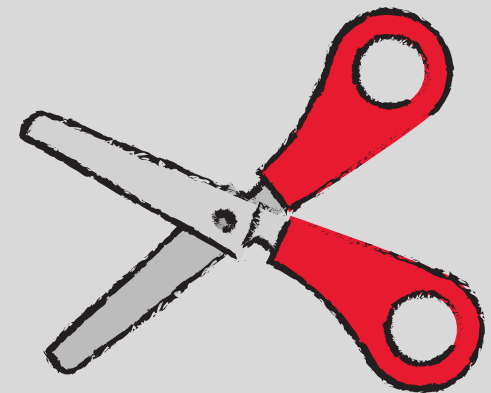
Laura and Mary go with Pa to the creek. Sort the things they likely found on the prairie and those found at the creek.



 <p>gopher</p>	 <p>water</p>	 <p>cabin</p>	 <p>fish</p>	 <p>wolf</p>
 <p>frog</p>	 <p>turtle</p>	 <p>deer</p>	 <p>cattails</p>	 <p>fishing pole</p>
 <p>mosquito</p>	 <p>covered wagon</p>	 <p>pheasant</p>	 <p>snake</p>	 <p>grass</p>

There are sorting activities.

Directions on how to add color coding for differentiation is included.





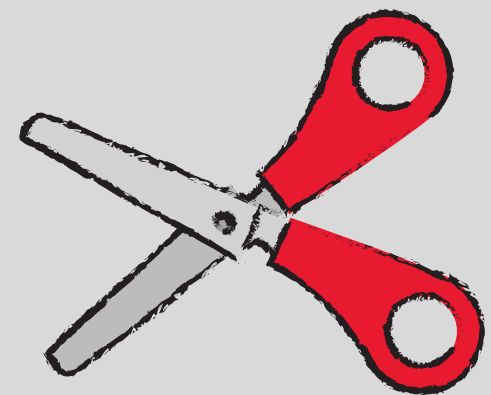
Match the baby to each parent below.

 rooster		 cat	
 dog		 horse	
 pig		 cow	
 sheep		 goat	

 foal	 puppy	 piglet	 lamb
 chick	 calf	 kid	 kitten

There are matching activities.

Directions on how to add color coding for differentiation is included.





# Traveling to Kansas


My family left for Kansas  months ago.

We took lots of  with us.

We saw  and  on our travels.

The biggest danger we faced was .

It was .



- 1 one
- 2 two
- 3 three
- 4 four
- 5 five

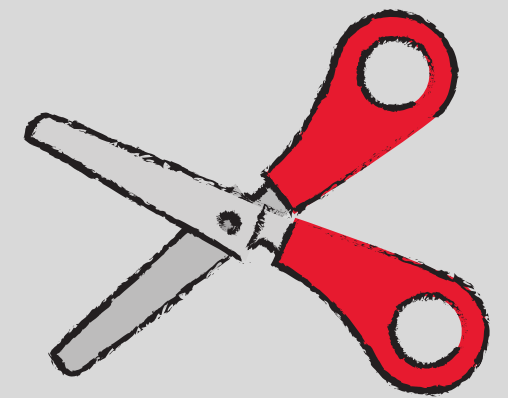
- food
- clothes
- blankets
- coffee
- rope

- bears
- deer
- moose
- eagles
- snakes
- ra

- disease
- bad weather
- injuries
- wild animals
- crossing rivers
- getting lost

- exciting
- dangerous
- fun
- exhausting
- wonderful
- scary

There are several writing prompts in this unit. This is an **errorless** activity that allows students to write their own story and share it with the class.





The house Laura lives in is very different than the ones we live in today. But some things are similar. Compare Laura's house to a house someone would live in today.

bed on floor heater oven TV walls  
 fireplace no glass in window door no lock on door logs for chairs  
 sleep there bathroom safe running water

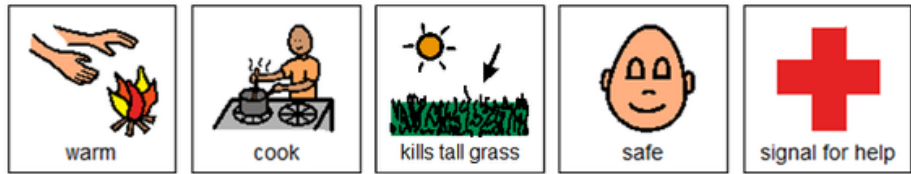
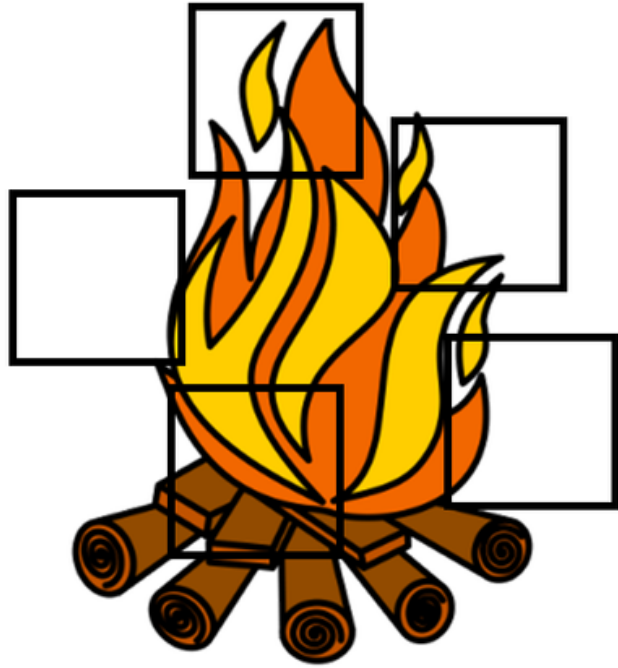
Sort the berries by the type they are.

blueberries strawberry  
 raspberries blackberries

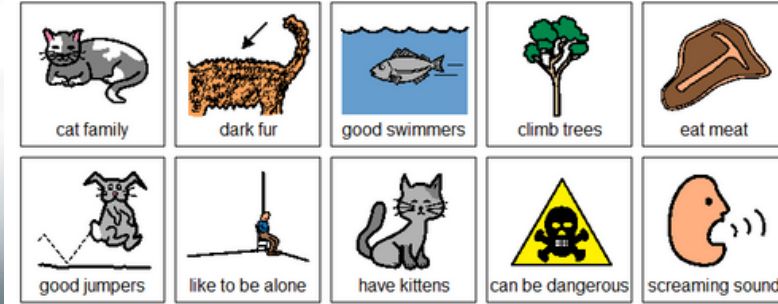
Because there are so many activities, you can choose the ones that fit your students the best.



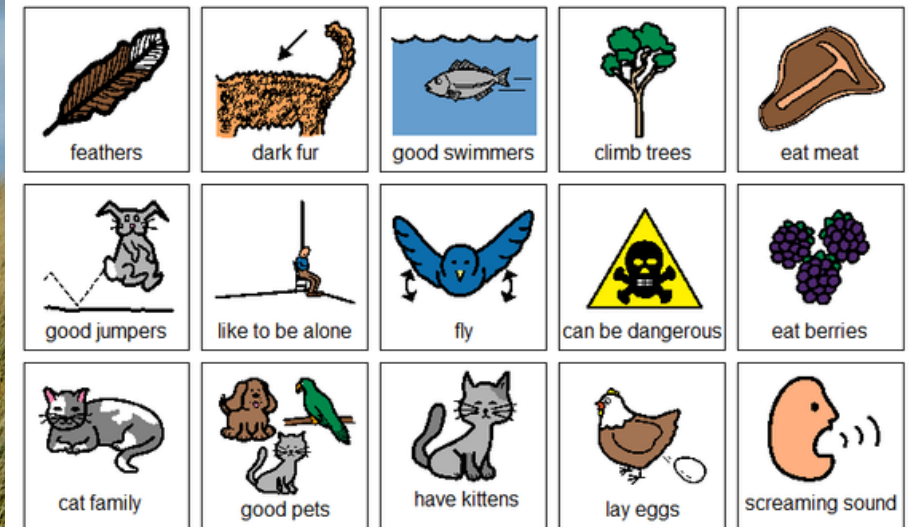
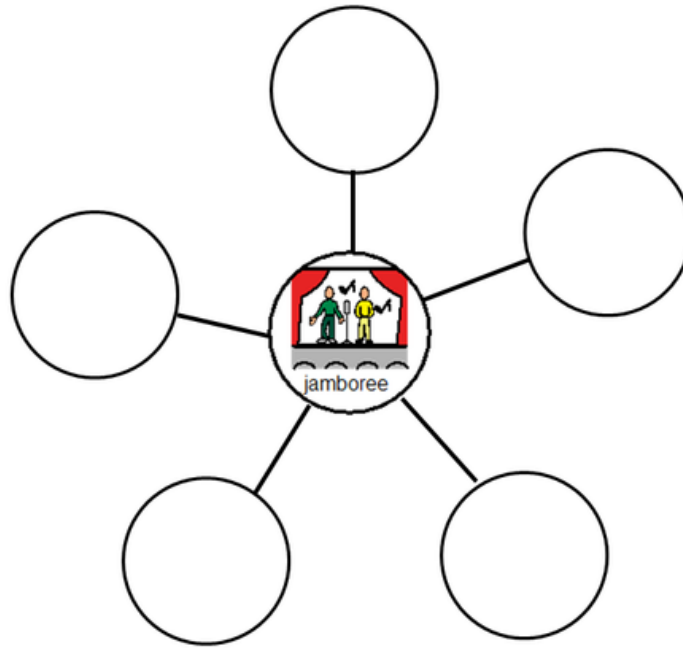
Fire sweeps through the prairie. Fire is very important for survival but can also be very dangerous. Cut out the pictures and place in the picture to show why fire is important when you are living on the prairie.



Place the facts in the circle map about panthers.



What are some words that mean the same as jamboree?



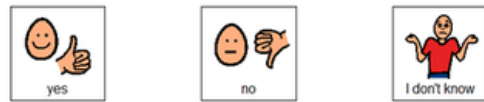


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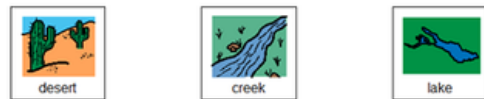
1. At the fork in the trail, which way did they go?



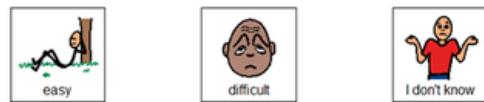
2. Was traveling down the cliff dangerous?



3. What did the covered wagon have to cross?



4. Was crossing the creek easy or difficult?

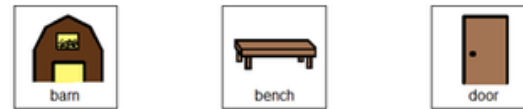


5. Who was lost after crossing the creek?



## CH 8

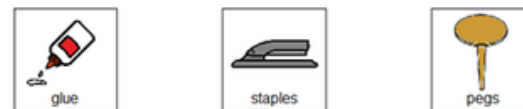
1. What did Laura help Pa build?



2. What was Pa out of?



3. What did Pa use instead of nails?



4. What did they use to open the door from the outside?



5. Laura and Pa also built a door for what?



Finally this unit does come with comprehension questions. There are 5 questions for most chapters. Each question has 3 pictures choices.

Answer key included!!





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!!

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