

Special Ed

DRAGONWINGS



Special Needs for Special Kids



33 activities

chapter questions

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



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This novel unit has **33** different activities. There is an activity for each vignette. These activities are NOT comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

Flying a Kite



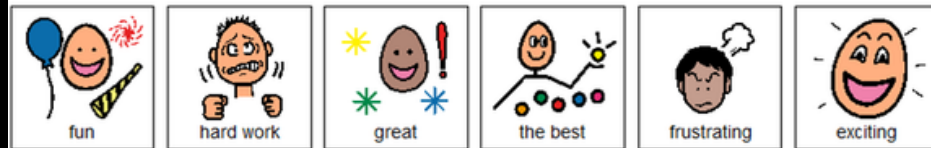
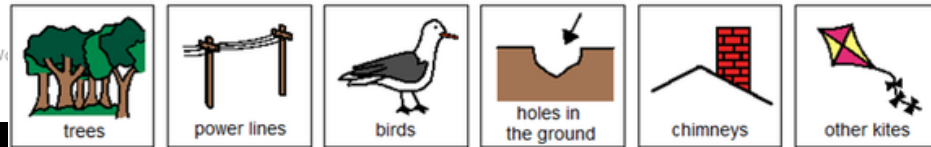
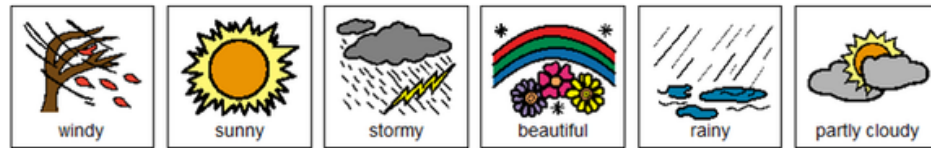
This time of year, it can be very

That is why I like to fly a

You have to remember to

You also need to watch out for

Flying a kite can be



For example, Father has a talent for building kites. In this activity, students will write a story about flying a kite.

It is an errorless activity.

Suggestions for Use

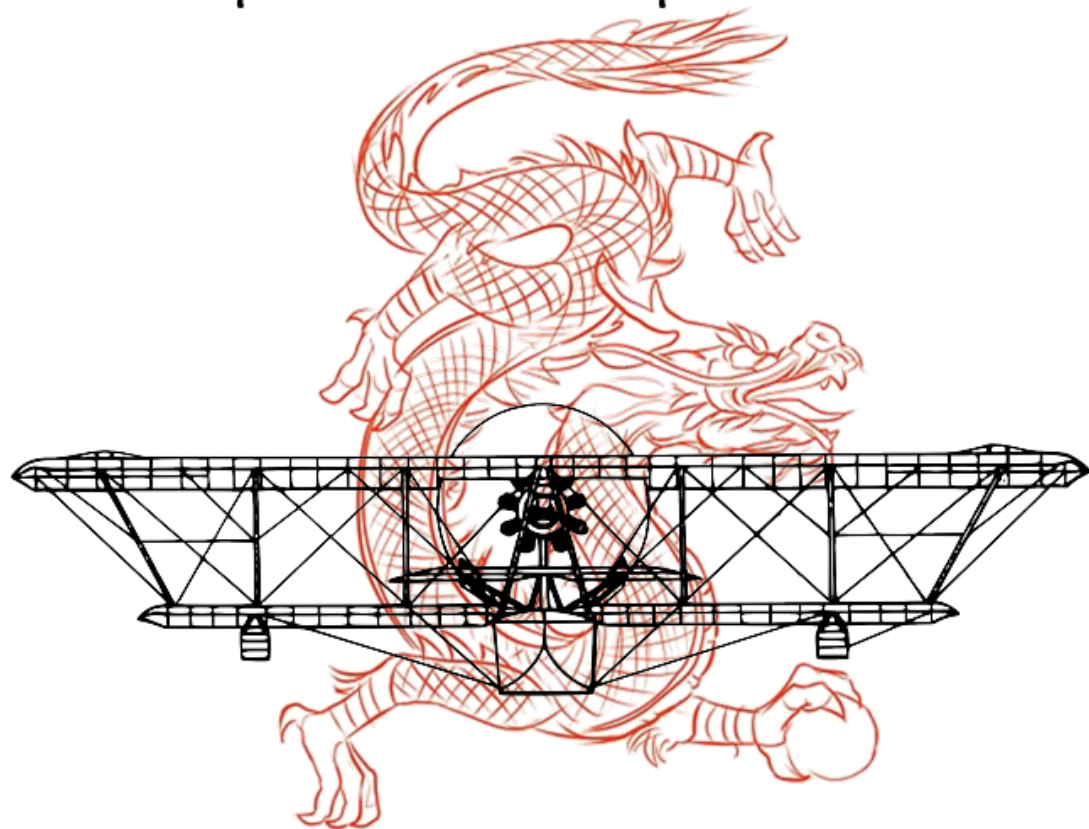
- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about ½ chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 6) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- 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. 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.
- You will find activity for most chapters. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit best with your students.
- 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.
- There are comprehension questions to accompany this unit. There are 5 questions for each chapters with 3 picture answer choices. You will find these (in color and BW) in a separate file.

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.

Dragonwings

Novel Unit for Special Education

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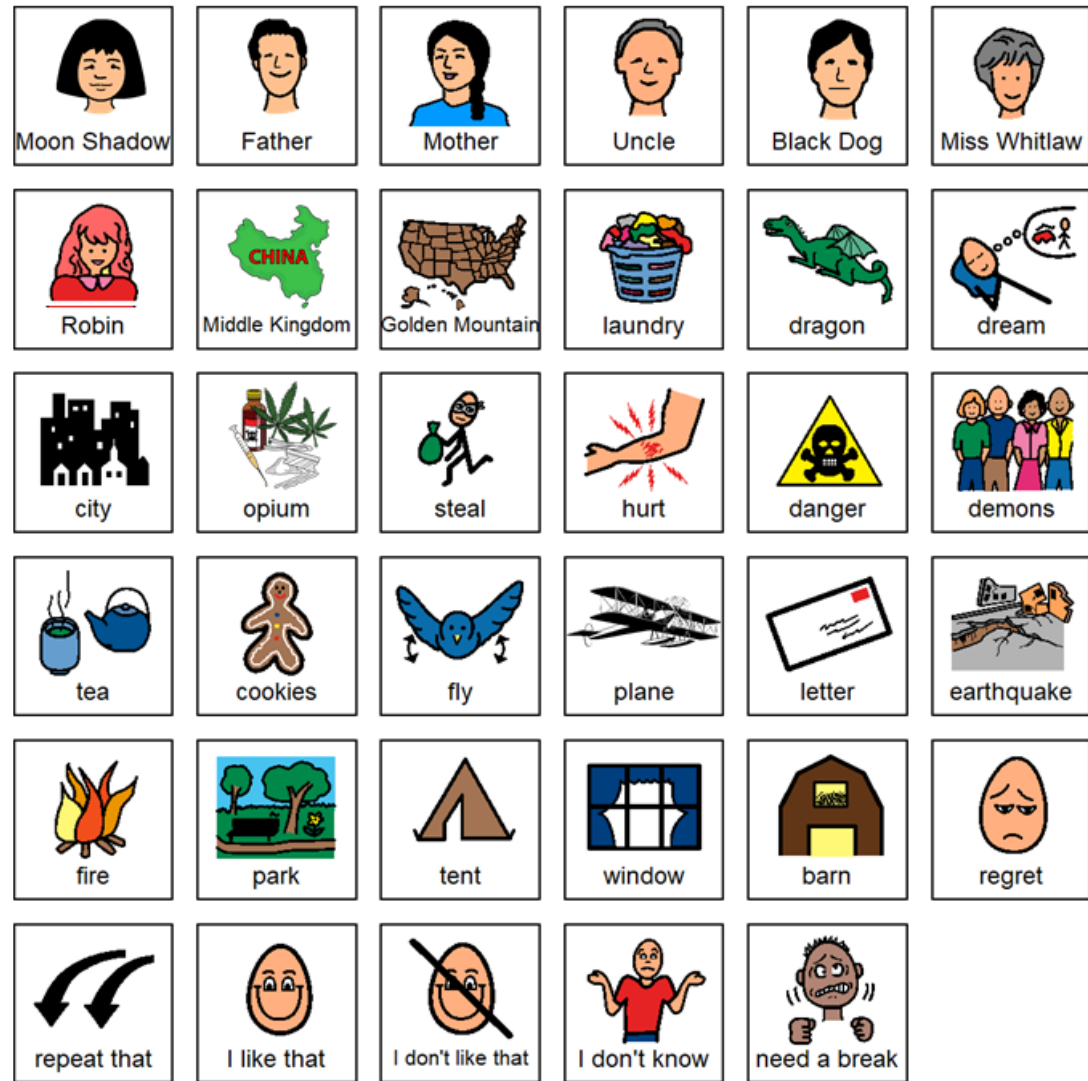


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This entire novel unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.

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



This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

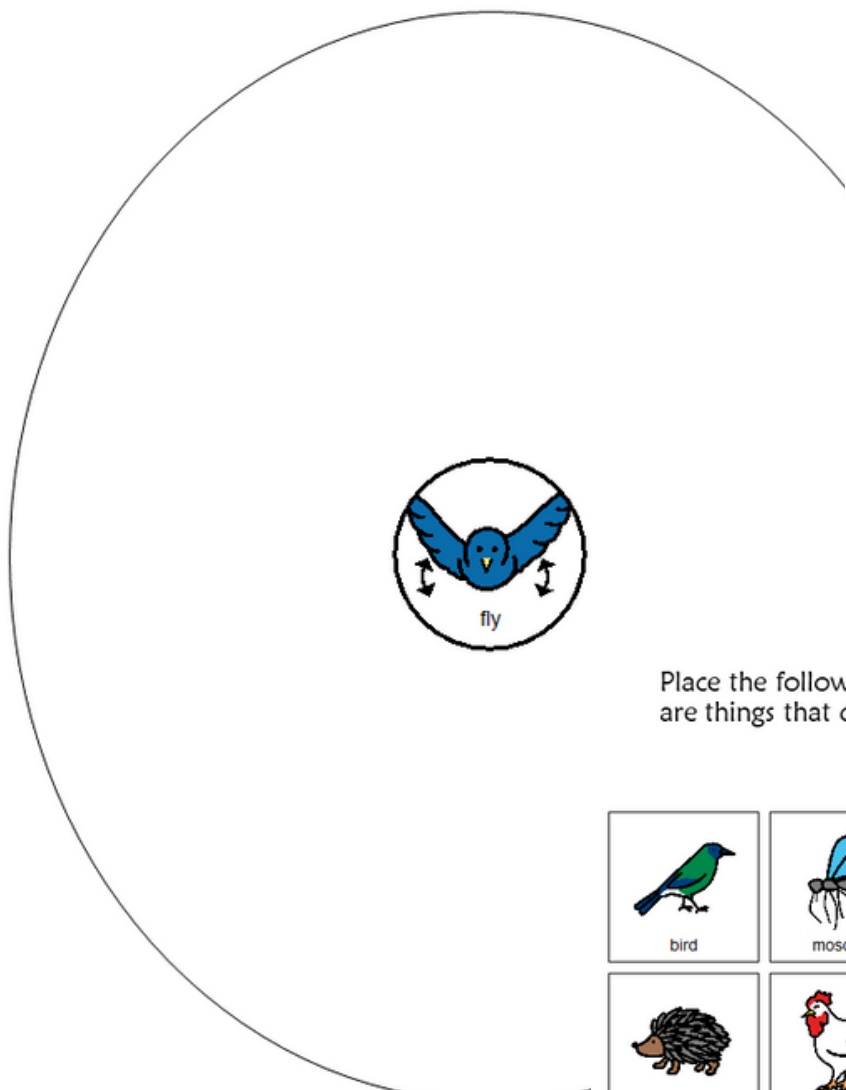
Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.
















Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What are some things that fly?
 HINT: They don't all have to be animals!!





errorless

Place the following in the circle map showing some things that can fly.



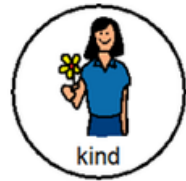
 bird	 mosquito	 jet	 helicopter	 fly
 butterfly	 chicken	 dragon fly	 hot air balloon	 kite
 goose	 bumble bee	 wasp	 plane	 jet

Place the following on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are things that can fly.

 bird	 mosquito	 jet	 guinea pig	 fly
 hedgehog	 chicken	 dragon fly	 hot air balloon	 kite
 goose	 bumble bee	 snake	 plane	 eagle
 butterfly	 turtle	 wasp	 helicopter	 jeep

There are circle maps in this unit. Circle maps are a great way for students to see a big idea.

Miss Whitlaw is very kind to Moon Shadow. What are some ways people can be kind to one another?



Errorless version

Place the pictures in the circle map on previous page showing ways people can be kind.



Place the pictures in the circle map on previous page only if they are ways to be kind.

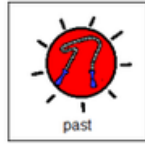


Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

An errorless option with only correct answers

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

Toys and games are very different today than they were a long time ago. Sort the toys into the correct column. Some may go in both!








Sort the following pictures into the correct column on the previous page. If you think it could be both, place it on the middle line.



There are sorting activities.

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

Father was able to fix Mr. Alger's car. Match the solution to each common problem below.

 hole in tube	→	<input type="text"/>
 torn paper	→	<input type="text"/>
 tall grass	→	<input type="text"/>
 cut on finger	→	<input type="text"/>
 flat tire	→	<input type="text"/>

 tire pump	 tape	 lawn mower	 bandaid	 patch
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There are matching activities.

Differentiated versions with suggestions for differentiation or a differentiated version are included.

Going on a Picnic

Now that the weather is we can go on a picnic.

The best place to go is .

I like to bring to eat.

I like to bring to drink.

I like to go with my .



sunny	warmer	beautiful	nicer	not raining	not snowing
the farm	the prairie	the woods	the yard	the beach	the park
sandwiches	potato chips	fish crackers	cookies	apples	granola bars
apple juice	soda	water	chocolate milk	grape juice	iced tea
friends	dog	parents	brother	sister	grandfather

There are writing prompts. These are errorless activities that allow students to write a story independently.

The plane was very heavy to pull up the hill. Look at the objects on the following page. Sort those into that are heavy and those that are light.



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Sort into the correct column on the previous page. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.



Doing the right thing is not always easy. Sometimes the right thing is hard to figure out, but doing the right thing usually makes us feel better.

Doing the right thing can be



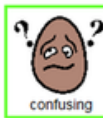
Doing the right thing can be



Doing the right thing is



Doing the right thing will make you feel



CH 9

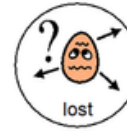
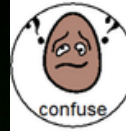
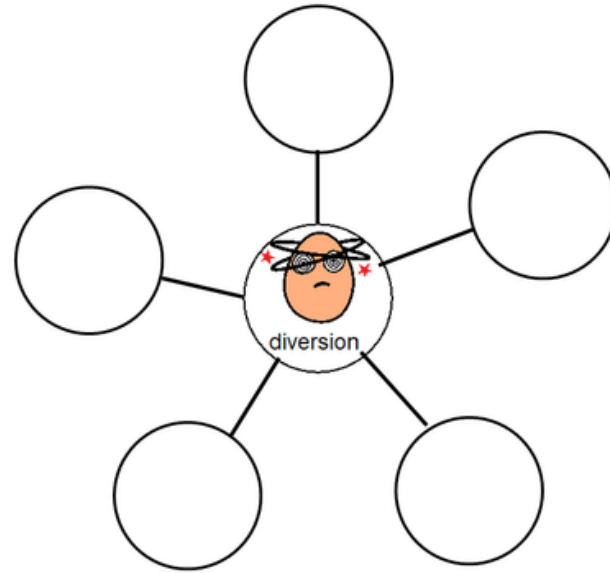
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Color in the United States blue.
Color in China red.



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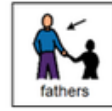
Father whistles as a diversion to scare the men away from Black Dog. What is a diversion?



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

CH 1

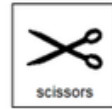
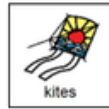
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2. Why would the family go to the temple on Fridays?



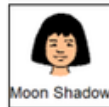
3. What was the boy's father famous for making?



4. Where was the Golden Mountain?



5. What does Father want Mother to send him?



CH 5

1. Who beat up Moon Shadow?



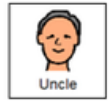
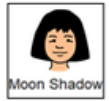
2. What did Black Dog steal from Moon Shadow?



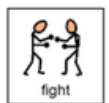
3. Who did Father find and fight?



4. Who saved Father from being shot?



5. What does Father decide he and Moon Shadow must do?



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Answer key included!!