

Special Ed

GHOST



19 activities

chapter questions



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**. They were the best thing I ever did, and my students LOVED them.

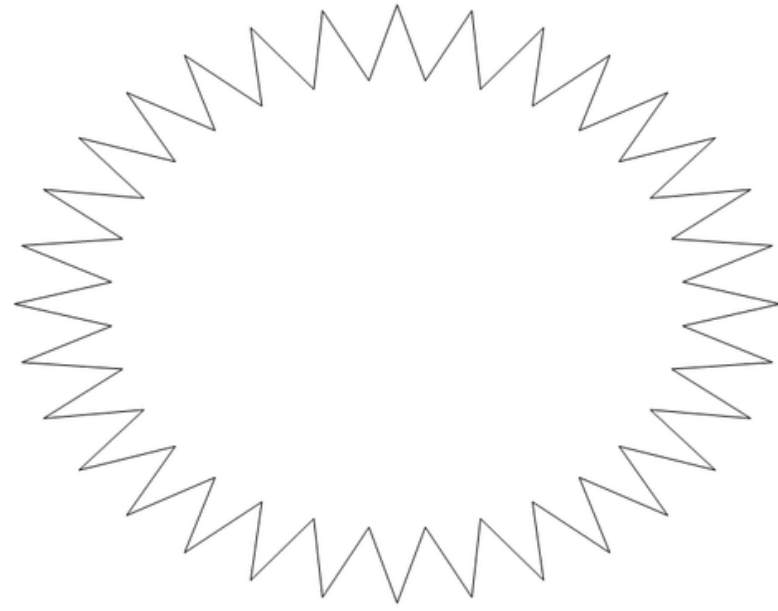


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This novel unit has **19 different activities**. There is an activity for each vignette. These activities are NOT comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

What are some things you are willing to practice until you get better at it?



Choose from the pictures below or come up with your own answers.

 musical instruments	 sports	 public speaking	 drawing	 painting
 math	 reading	 singing	 dancing	 horseback riding
 running	 swimming	 riding a bike	 skateboarding	 jumping rope
 shooting baskets	 sewing	 cooking	 video games	 puzzles

For example, Ghost has to practice a lot once he is on the track team. Here, students will identify things they would be willing to practice in order to get better at.

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about ½ - 1 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 chapter 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.

Color version

Ghost

Novel Unit for Special Education

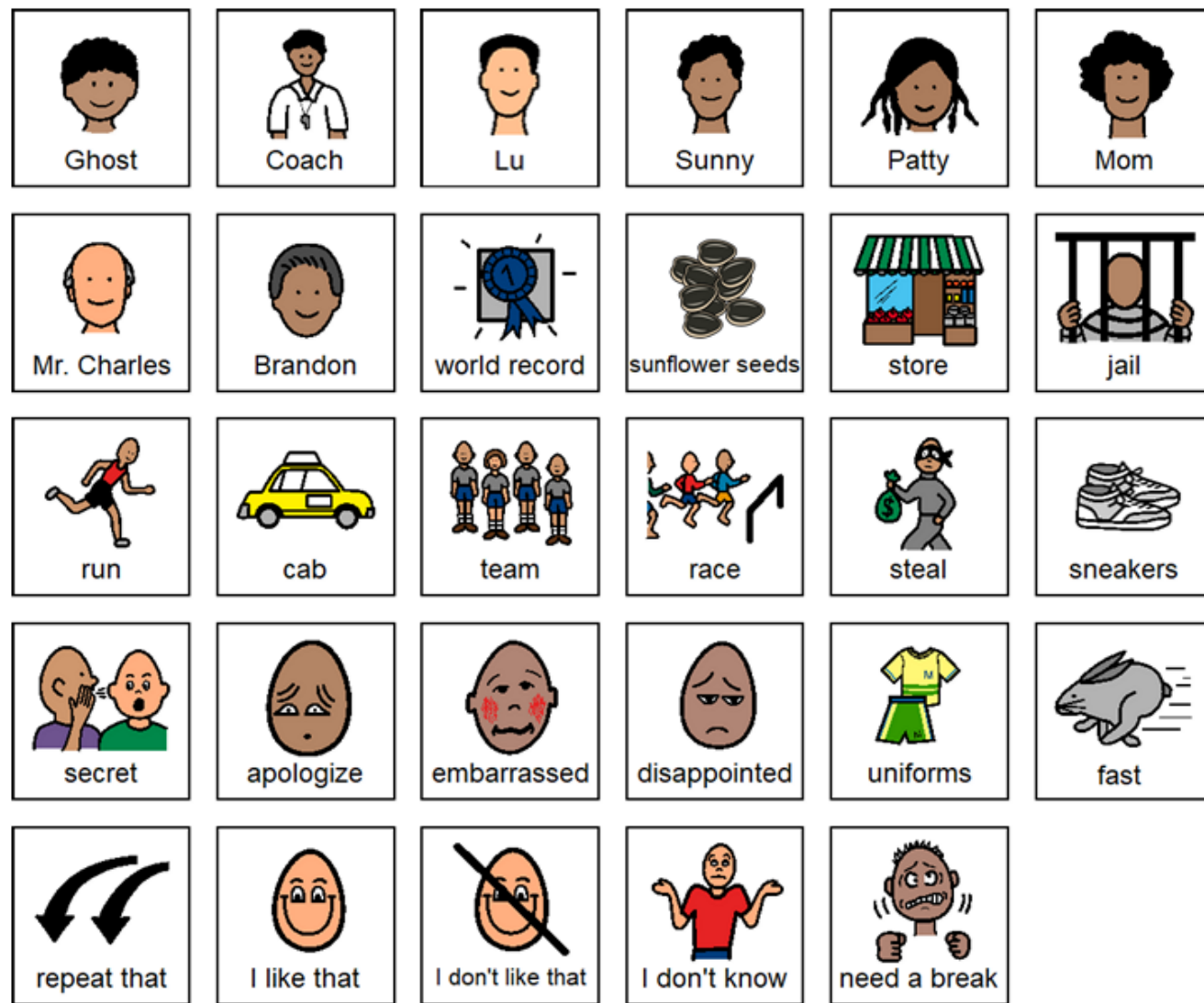
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This entire novel unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.



Story Board :
Laminate a
each student.
class discussions.

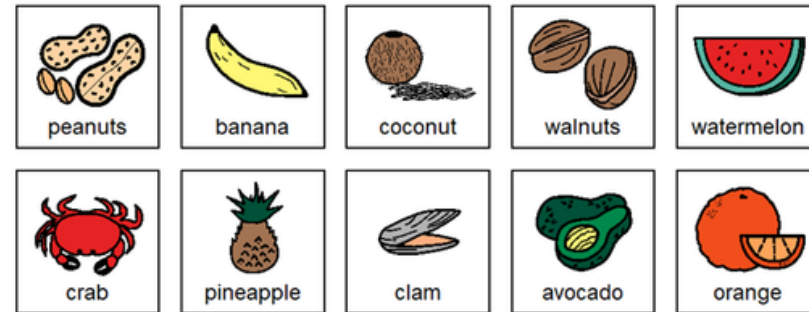
This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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

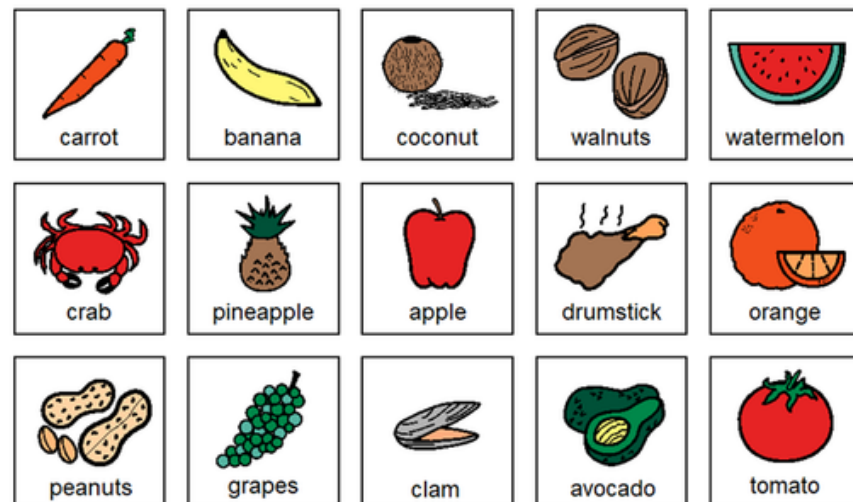
Tips on how to use in the unit!!

Ghost likes to eat sunflower seeds. What are some foods you need to removed the outer shell or peel before you can eat it?

Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page showing foods you need to peel or remove the outer shell.

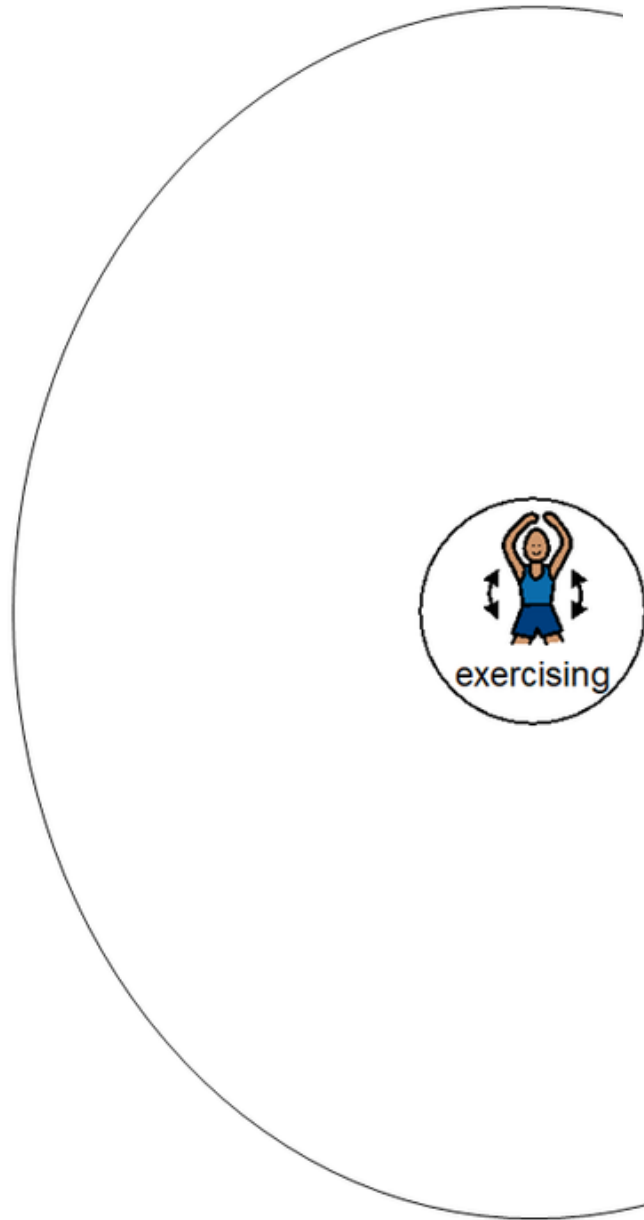


Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page **ONLY IF** they are foods you need to peel or remove the outer shell.



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

Ghost is watching the people at the gym. What are some exercises he might see them doing?



Place the pictures in the circle map on previous page showing exercises that can make you stronger.

Errorless version



Place the pictures in the circle map on previous page **ONLY** the ones you think they would make you stronger.



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.

Some sports require a lot of running and some don't.
Sort the sports into the correct column.










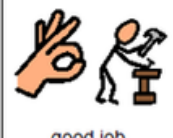
Sort into the correct column on the previous page. If you are not sure then place it on the middle line.



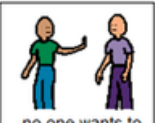



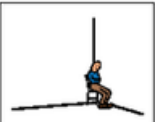


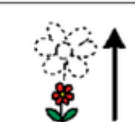
There are sorting activities.

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

There always consequences to our actions. Some are good and some are bad, depending on the action. Look at each action in the box and find what you think the consequence would be.

 fighting		 study	
 water		 exercise	
 spill		 cheat	
 mean		 good job	

Match the consequence to the action on the previous page. There may be more than one right answer.

 no one wants to play with you	 strong	 allowance	 clean up mess
 lonely	 time out	 good grades	 grow

There are matching activities.

Suggestions for differentiation or a differentiated version are included.

I know telling the truth is

But, sometimes telling the truth makes me feel

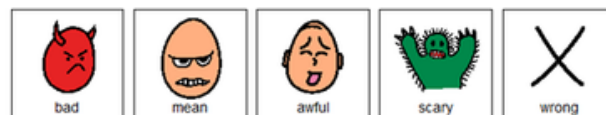
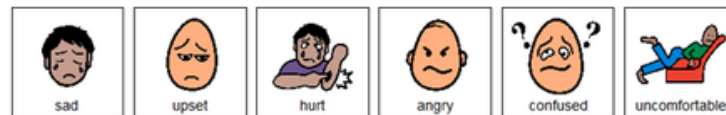
When I tell a lie, it may make someone feel

I think lies are

So, even if telling the truth makes me feel
I will still do my best to tell the truth.

CH 6

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

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Everyone gets angry. But there are good choices and bad choices when you do get angry. Look at the actions on the next pages and put them in the best column.

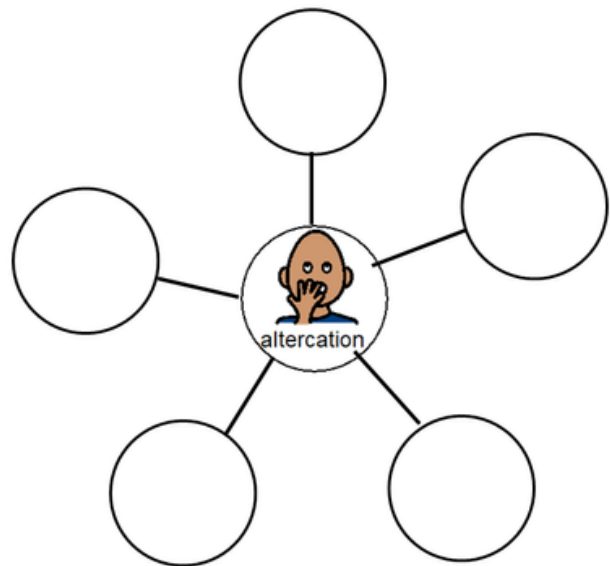


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Place the pictures in the correct column. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.

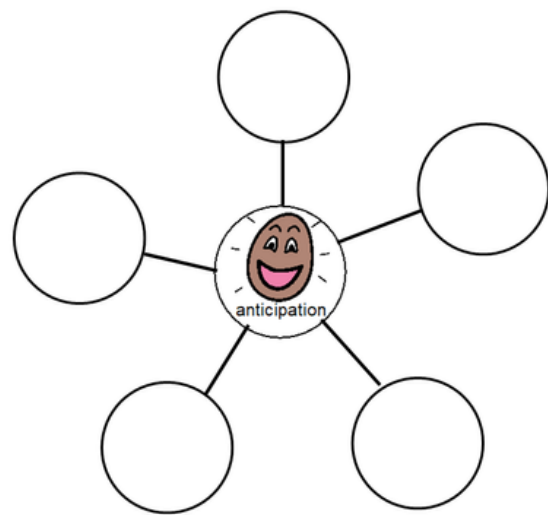


What does altercation mean?



CH 3

What is anticipation?



CH 10

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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.

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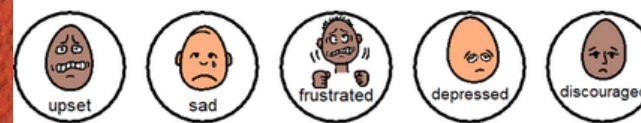
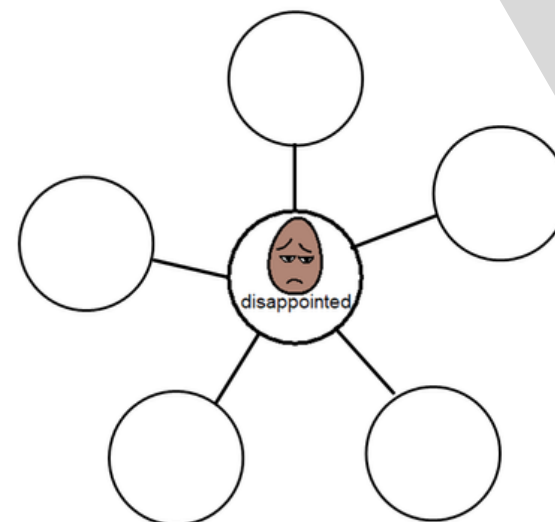
Doing the right thing is

Doing the right thing will make you feel



CH 9

What does being disappointed feel like?



CH 9

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

CH 1

1. What does Ghost buy almost every day?



2. What does Ghost look at while sitting at the bus stop?



3. Who else had eaten sunflower seeds?



4. Where did Ghost and his mom hide from his dad?



5. Where is Ghost's dad?



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CH 1

CH 5

1. What did Shamika do when she saw Ghost's sneakers?



2. Where did Ghost go when he skipped school?



3. What did Ghost steal?



4. Where did Ghost go to hide from the police?



5. What happened to Ghost in Mr. Charles's store?



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CH 5

This unit does come with comprehension questions. There are 5 questions for every chapter. Each question has 3 picture choices. They are in color and black and white.

Answer key included!!

I have all 4 of the Track Series by Jason Reynolds available.

1. Ghost

2. Patina

3. Sunny

4. Lu

You do NOT need to read them in order.

If you love Jason Reynolds, be sure to check out my novel unit, Long Way Down

CLICK HERE

