

SUNNY



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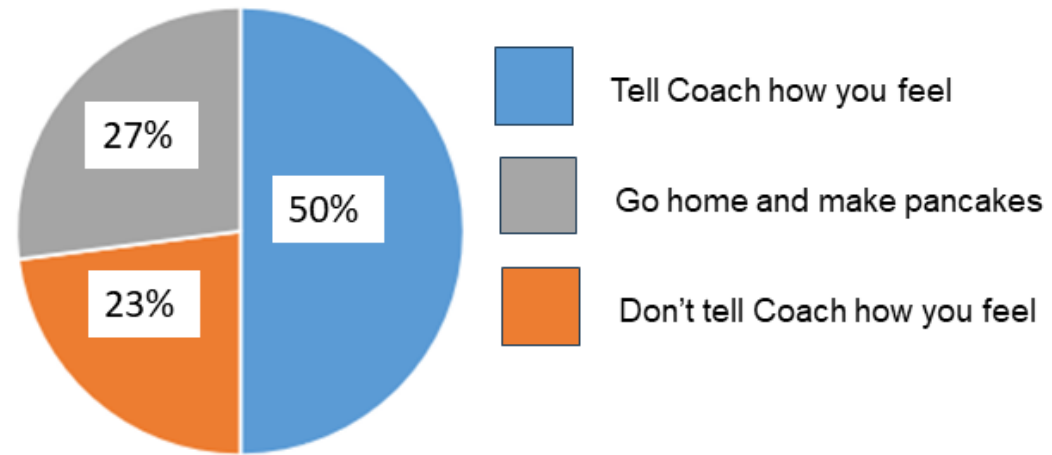
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This novel unit has **19 different activities**. There is an activity for each vignette. These activities are **NOT** comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

Answer questions about the graph below.



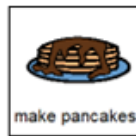
1. What is the percent chance Sunny will go home and make pancakes?

50%

27%

23%

2. What is the most likely thing Sunny will do?



3. What is the least likely thing Sunny will do?



For example, Sunny creates a circle graph in his mind when he needs to make a decision. Students will answer some questions about that graph.

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Sunny* by Jason Reynolds.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 10-20 pages 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 every 20 pages 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.

Sunny 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 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 track and field events?

errorless

Place the following in the circle map showing track and field events.



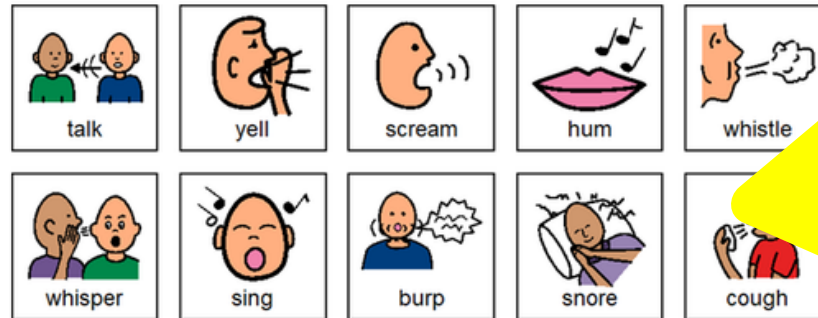
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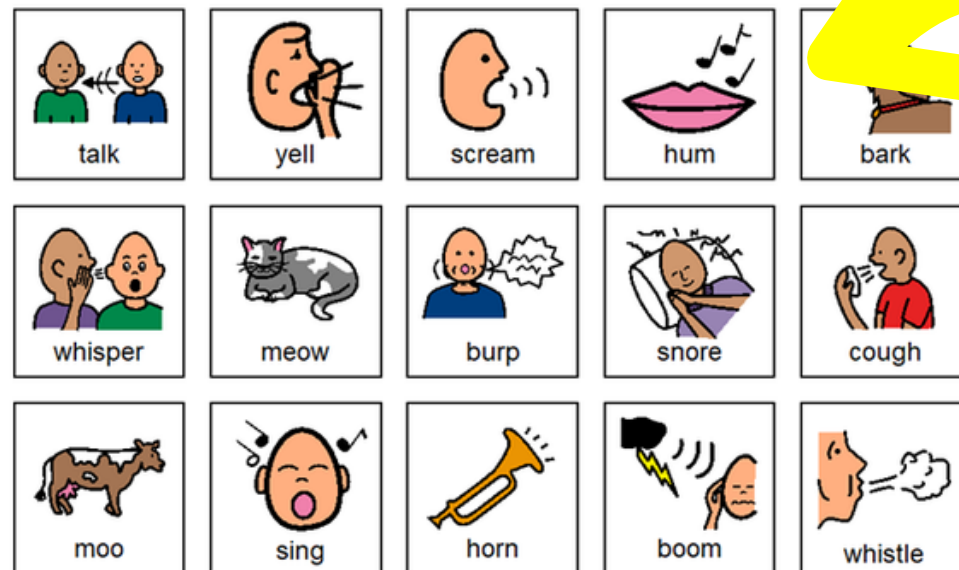
There are circle maps in this unit. Circle maps are a great way for students to see a big idea.

What are some sounds people make?

Place the following in the circle map showing some sounds people make.



Place the following on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are sounds people make.



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.

Sort the examples on the next page into those that are examples of alliteration and those that are not.



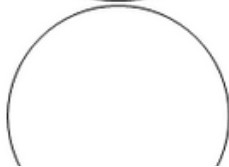
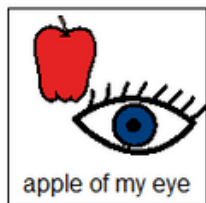
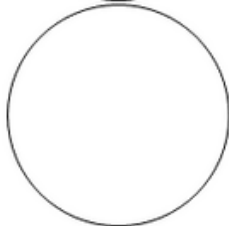
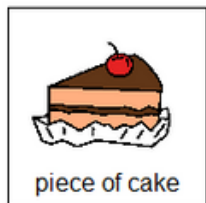
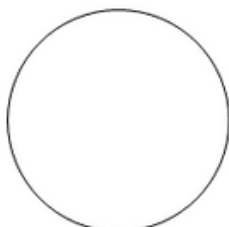
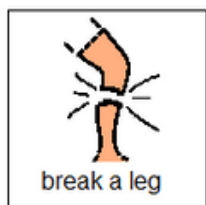
Sort the following examples into the correct column on the previous page. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.

<p>Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.</p>	<p>She sells seashells by the seashore.</p>	<p>It is a sunny day.</p>	<p>The zookeeper let us in.</p>
<p>Sheep should shower in the shed.</p>	<p>The big brown bear ate all the berries.</p>	<p>I had a steak for dinner.</p>	<p>Let's go on a roller coaster!</p>
<p>Put away your paints and practice the piano.</p>	<p>Betty was a busy bumble bee.</p>	<p>I want to fly a kite.</p>	<p>I went fishing.</p>
<p>I have a wonderful garden.</p>	<p>I want a puppy.</p>	<p>The lazy lizards laid in the liquid lake.</p>	<p>The rabbit was running round and round a radish plant.</p>
<p>I am so hungry!</p>	<p>Do you hear thunder?</p>	<p>Pippi planted pretty purple pansies in the pot.</p>	<p>Willie wanted waffles with his water.</p>

There are sorting activities.

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

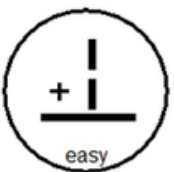
Some words do not mean what you might think they do. They are called idioms. See if you can figure what these common idioms really mean.



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at the following meanings with the idioms on the previous page.

There are matching activities.

Suggestions for differentiation or a differentiated version are included.

My Secret



I have a secret about

I know I can share my secret with my

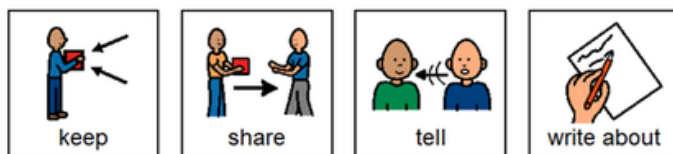
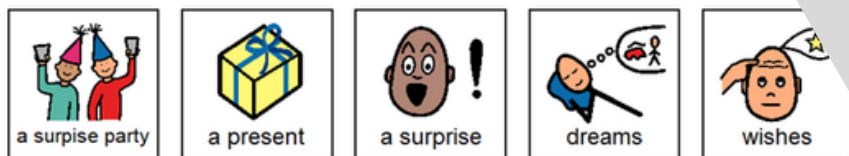
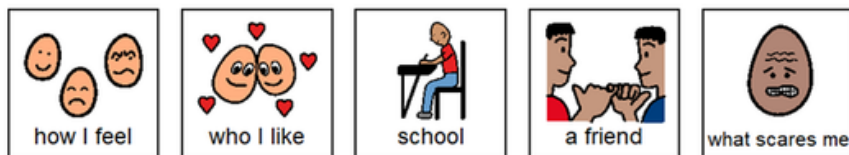
Some secrets like

are okay to keep.

But sharing a secret, can make you feel

I think I will

my secret.



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

1. Circle or highlight the words that are onomatopoeia.
2. Circle the picture that illustrates the onomatopoeia.

1. The excavator roared to life and started digging.



2. He slowly zipped up his jacket.



3. The drummer banged on the drums.



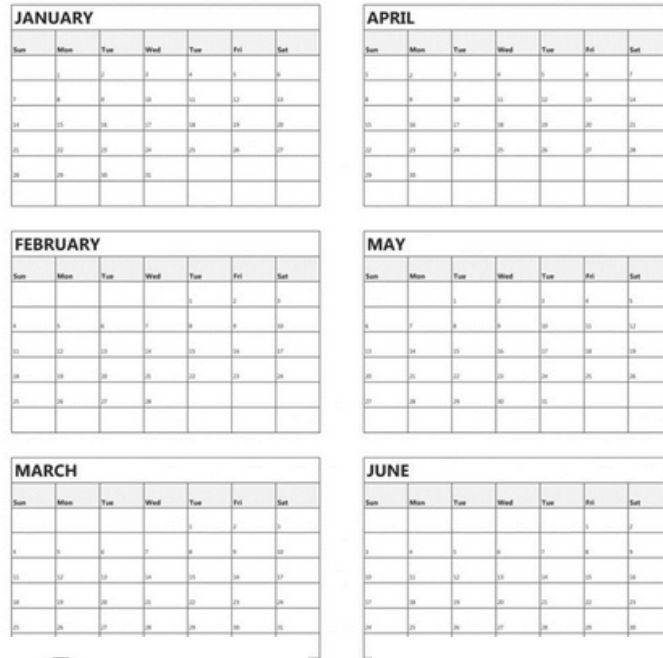
4. The sale made the register go cha-ching all day.



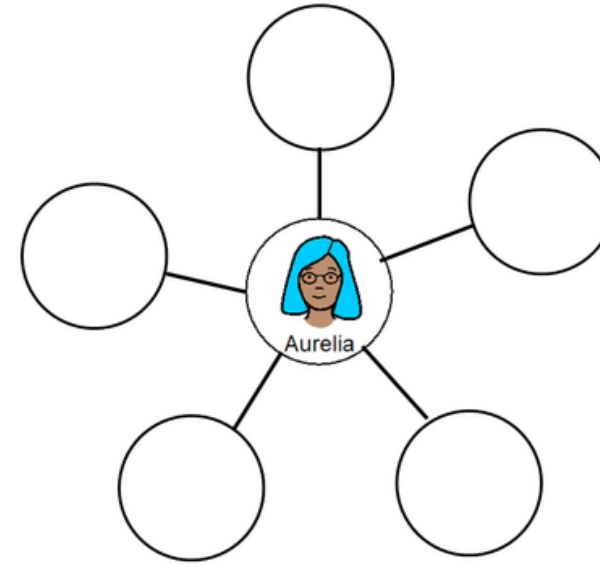
5. The bees were buzzing around the roses.



Sunny writes in his diary every day except Sunday. Color in the days Sunny does not write in his diary on the calendar below.



Aurelia is a very interesting person. What do we learn about her?



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



Cancer is a disease that can make a person very sick. It happens when the body makes a mistake when it is making a new cell.

The body makes millions of cells every day. Most of the time, nothing goes wrong. Or, if something does go wrong, the mistake is so small no one would ever notice.

But, sometimes when a mistake is made it is more serious. These are known as cancer cells. These cancer cells will continue to multiply and create a tumor. A tumor is a large enough clump of cancer cells that it can be seen or felt.

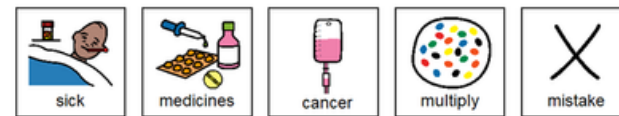
There are many types of cancer. The type of cancer depends on where it starts to grow.

There are many successful treatments for cancer that doctors can use. Most involve finding ways to kill the cancer cells without hurting the healthy, normal cells.

Cancer can be serious, but many people are able to overcome cancer with the help of a doctor and medications.

Cancer

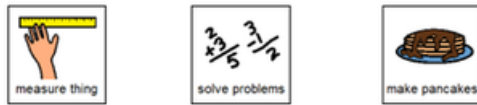
1. Cancer cells happen the body makes a .
2. Cancer can make a person very .
3. A tumor is when cancer cells .
4. There are to treat cancer.
5. There are a lot of different types of .



1. Where does Sunny go to school?



2. What did Sunny have to do for math class?



3. What did Sunny go do with Aurelia on her anniversary?



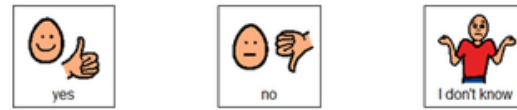
4. What does Aurelia teach Sunny to do?



5. Who is Sunny trying to decide if he should talk to when Aurelia drops him off at practice?



Does Sunny want to run anymore?



What does Sunny want to do?



What does Coach want Sunny to try in place of running?



What do Sunny and his dad do at night?



What did Sunny's dad fix for dinner?



This unit does come with comprehension questions. There are 5 questions for every 20 pages. 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

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