

THE WESTING GAME

31 activities

**22 character
cards**

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

Answer the questions on the next page about the notice.



LOST: Gold Earrings

- Lost on Friday
- Last worn in coffee shop
- Sentimental value
- Reward \$25!!
- Bring them to apartment 6C

Answer the following questions about the notice.

1. What was lost?



watch



earrings



purse

2. Where were they last worn?



elevator

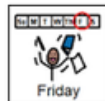


church



coffee shop

3. When were they lost?



Friday



Wednesday



Monday

4. How much is the reward?



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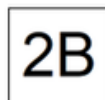


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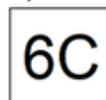


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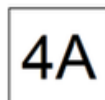
5. Where should they be returned to?



2B



6C



4A

For example, the residents begin putting up lots of notices in the elevator. Here, students will read the notice and answer some questions about it.

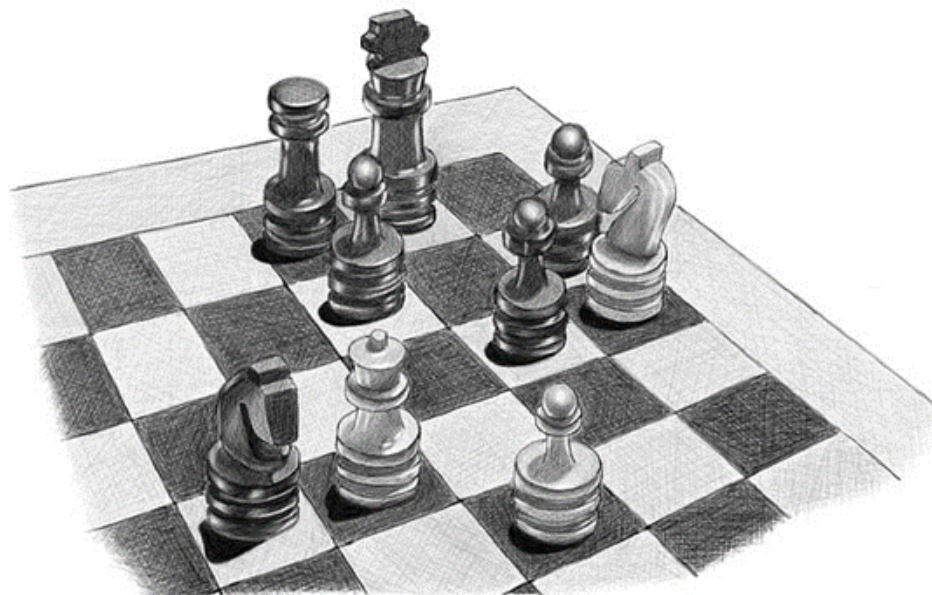
Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1-2 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 every 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.

The Westing Game 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.*

Character Cards



Turtle

One of the heirs playing the game. Has braids and notorious for kicking anyone who touches them. Like to play the stock market.



Sam Westing

Owns the Westing House and started a paper product business. He comes up with and directs the game through his will.



Grace Wexler

One of the heirs playing the game. Mother of Turtle and Angela. Very snobby. Eventually takes over Mr. Hoo's restaurant.



Angela

One of the heirs playing the game. Turtle's sister and initially engaged to Denton. Set bombs and was injured by one of them.

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Character Cards



Jake Wexler

One of the heirs playing the game. Father of Turtle and Angela. He is a podiatrist (foot doctor) who has an office in Sunset Towers.



Judge Ford

One of the heirs playing the game. She was investigating all the other players trying to solve the game.



Crow

One of the heirs playing the game. Works as the cleaning woman in Sunset Towers. Turns out used to be Sam Westing's wife. Married Otis.



Mr. Hoo

One of the heirs playing the game. Owned the Chinese restaurant in Sunset Towers. Eventually got rich selling insoles and gave up his restaurant.

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This unit comes 22 character cards students can use to keep track of the players of the Westing Game.

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



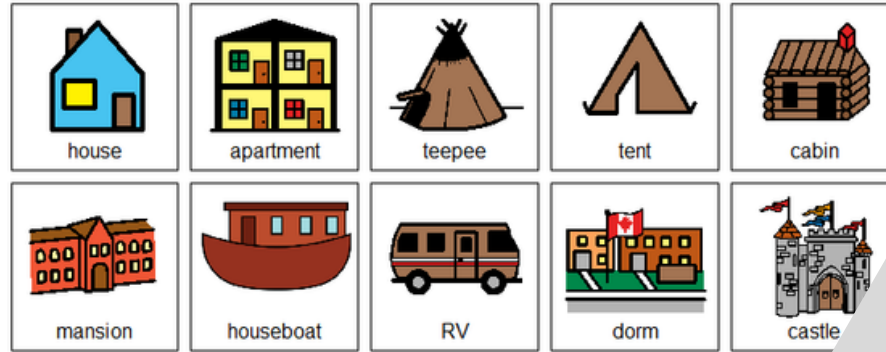
This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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

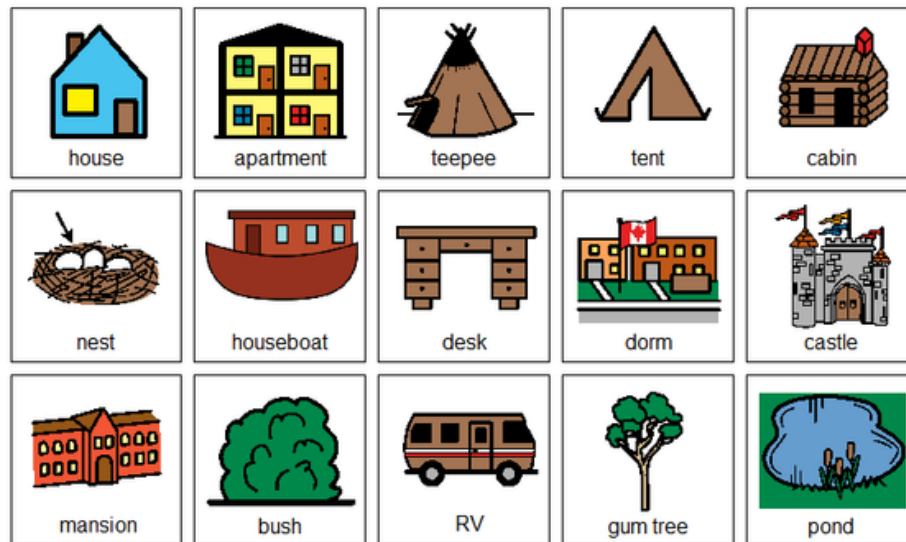
Tips on how to use in the unit!!

People live in all different types of homes. What are some types of homes people live in?

Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page showing homes people live in.



Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page **ONLY** IF they are homes people might live in.



There are circle maps in this unit.

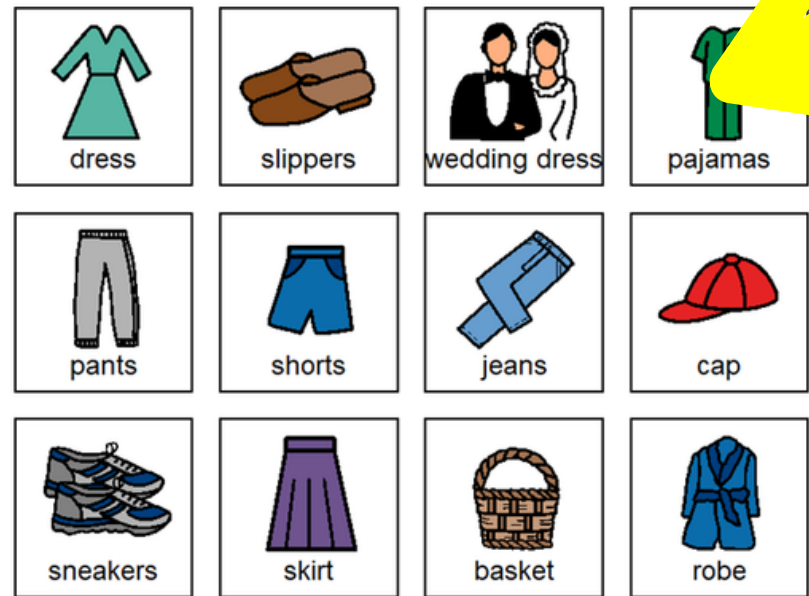
Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.

When you hem something, you are shortening it. What are some things that can be hemmed?

Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page showing things that can be hemmed.



Cut out pictures and glue in circle map on previous page **ONLY IF** they are things that can be hemmed.

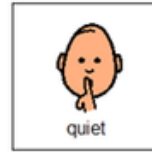


Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

An errorless option with only correct answers

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

Some things make loud sounds, and some are very quiet. Sort the picture on the next page into the correct column.





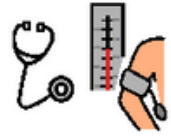


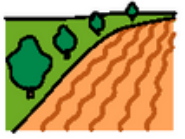


Put each picture in the correct column on the previous page. If you are not sure, put it on the middle line.

 fireworks	 bird	 yelling	 tornado	 thunder
 brush teeth	 boom box	 tanker truck	 cricket	 kitten
 concert	 rain	 yawn	 cymbals	 slippers
 mouse	 storm	 bumble bee	 butterfly	 fire alarm

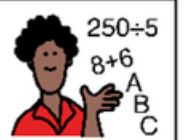

There are sorting activities.

Directions on how to add differentiation are included.

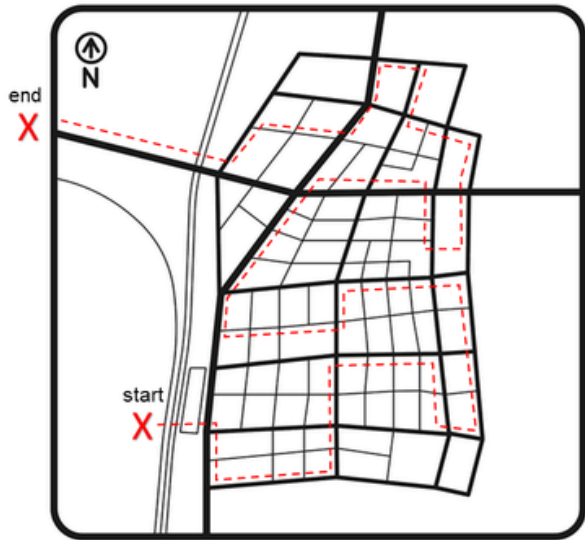
Find the best career for each interest below.

 animals	<input type="text"/>	 teeth	<input type="text"/>
 health	<input type="text"/>	 history	<input type="text"/>
 bake	<input type="text"/>	 growing crops	<input type="text"/>
 build things	<input type="text"/>	 fairy tales	<input type="text"/>

Match the careers/jobs below to the interest it goes with.

 farmer	 veterinarian	 $250 \div 5$ $8 + 6$ A B C teacher	 chef
 doctor	 carpenter	 writer	 dentist

Trace the route Otis took making his deliveries.



Look at each group of people. How many chairs would you need if each person sits in their own chair?

# chairs	# chairs
# chairs	# chairs
# chairs	# chairs

Who is a beneficiary?

Do you know what anonymous means? Tape some other words that mean the same thing in the boxes.

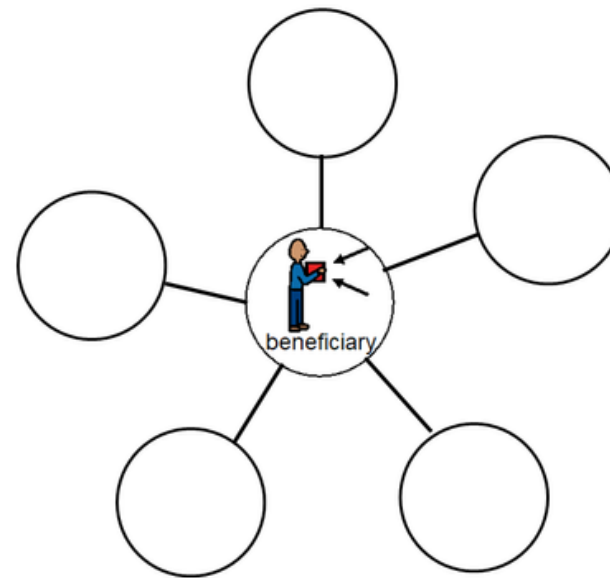
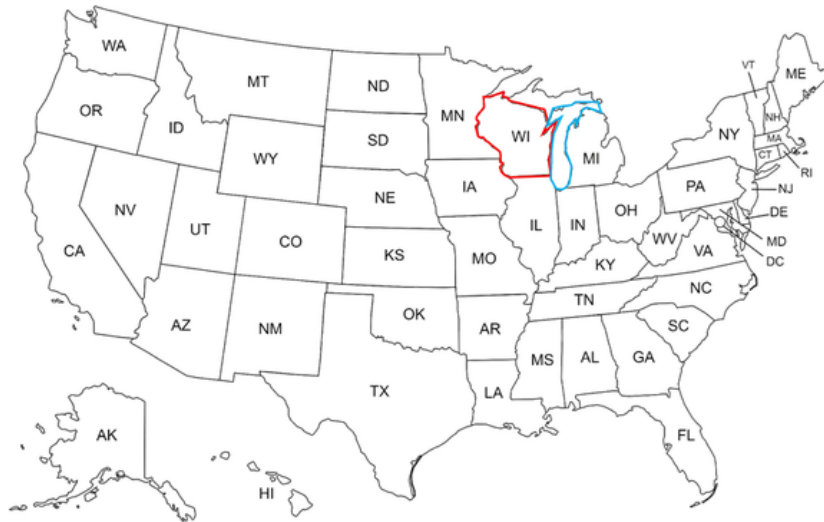
Anonymous



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

This story takes places in Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Michigan.

- Color in Wisconsin red.
- Color in Lake Michigan blue.



CH 2

1. What type of restaurant opened in Sunset Towers?



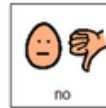
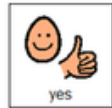
2. What was coming from the Westing House?



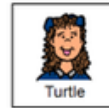
3. What did the boys bet each other to stay in the Westing House?



4. Did the boys spend the night there?



5. Who saw someone going into the Westing House?

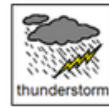
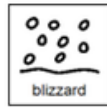


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CH

1. What happened to the weather that night?



2. What does Turtle think the clues are related to?



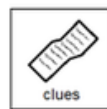
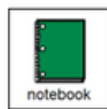
3. Do any of the team understand their clues?



4. What game was Mr. Westing a master of?



5. What had been stolen from Mrs. Pulaski's apartment?



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This unit does come with comprehension questions.

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Answer key included!!