

SUMMER BALL



36 activities

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



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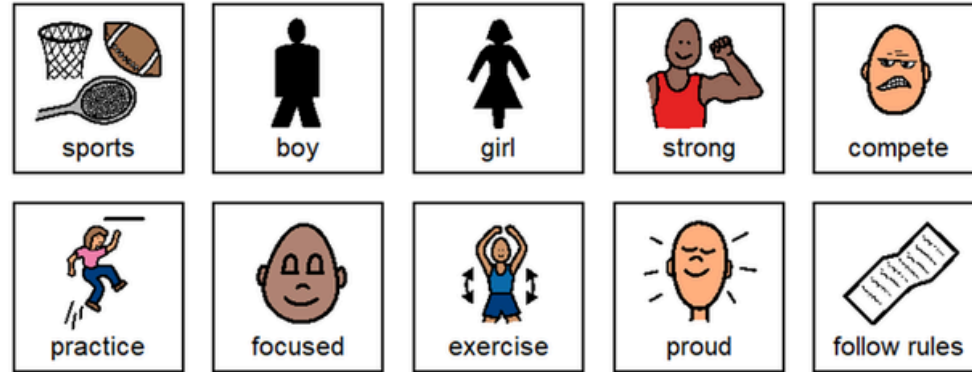
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This novel unit has **36 different activities**. These activities are NOT comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

What makes a good athlete?

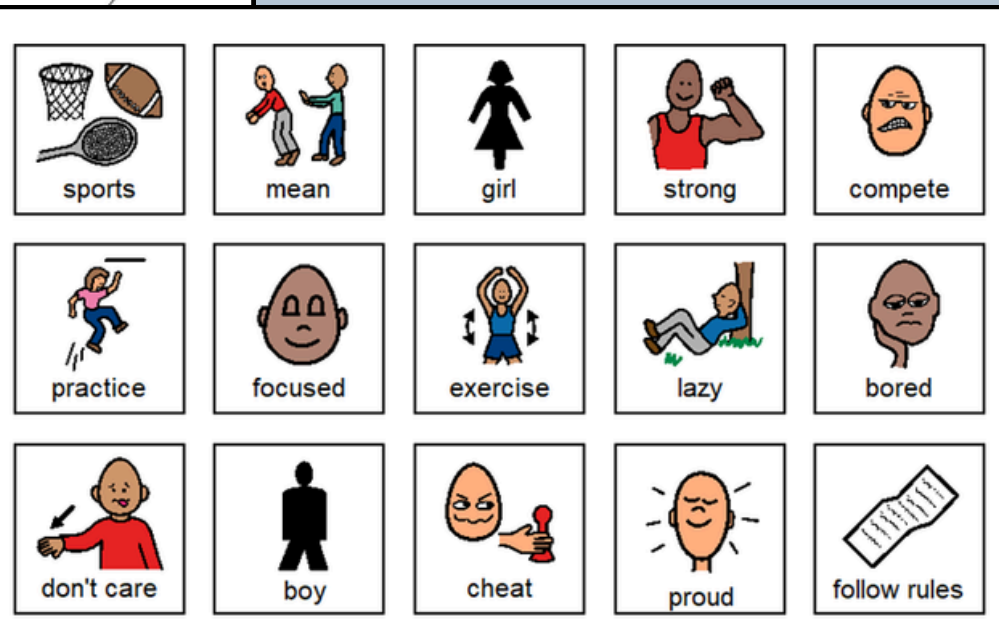
ERRORLESS VERSION



For example, students will complete a circle map of the qualities that make a good athlete.

There is an errorless version and a version with wrong answers mixed in.

WRONG ANSWERS MIXED IN



Each time you finish a chapter, there will be an activity for your students to complete.

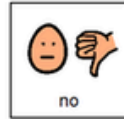
The activity will relate to something from that chapter.

These are cut-and-paste activities supported by pictures.

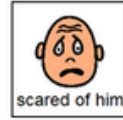
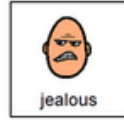
Optional: Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer 5 multiple-choice questions about that chapter.

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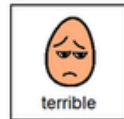
1. Is Danny nice to Tess when she comes to talk to him?



2. How does Danny feel about Scott?



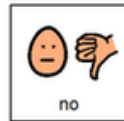
3. How did Danny feel about the way he talked to Tess?



4. What did Danny, Will, and Ty do after Tess left?



5. Did Will block Danny's shot?

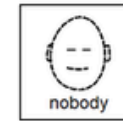


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1. Which state is the summer camp being held in?



2. Who did Danny end up having to bunk with?



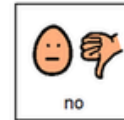
3. What did Nick tell Danny a "crib" is?



4. Who did Danny see playing ball?



5. Is Danny feeling good about camp?



This unit includes 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!!

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Summer Ball*, by Mike Lupica.
- 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 storyboard (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 that their child is being exposed to age-appropriate material, but you are also teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully carry over at 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 methodically. 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 one or more activities for each chapter. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit your students best.
- 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 in a specific color and then outline the corresponding pictures in the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- There are comprehension questions to accompany this unit. There are 5 questions per 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.

Summer Ball 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.

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



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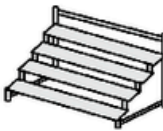


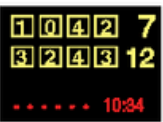




This unit comes with a
vocabulary board.

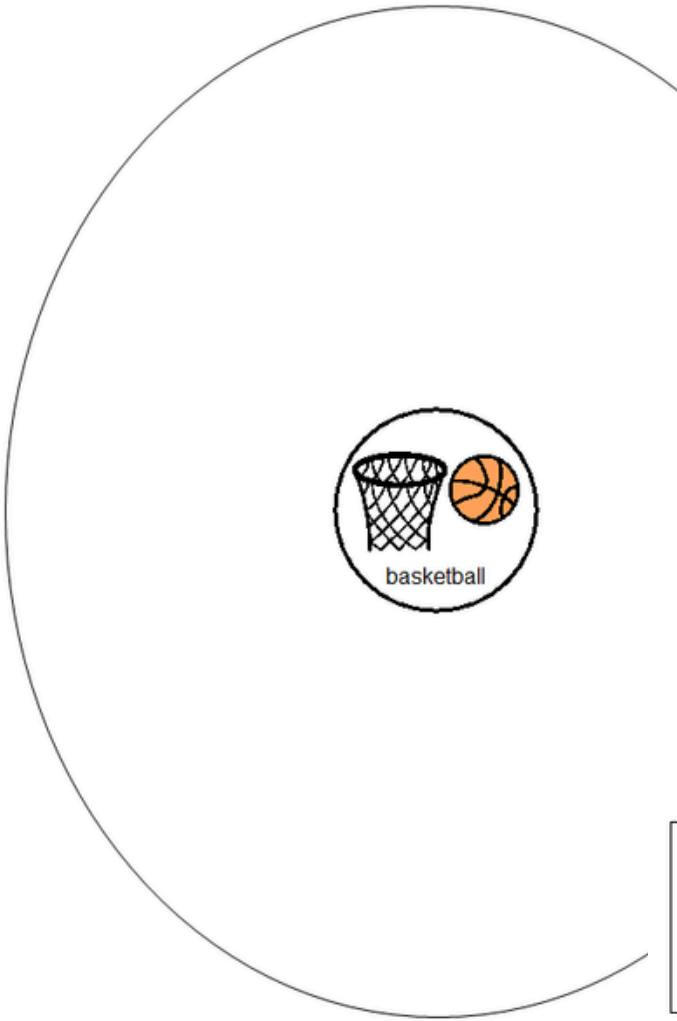
Vocabulary boards are great for
ALL students to assist with
participation and engagement in
group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What are some things you might find at a basketball game?

ERRORLESS VERSION

 basketball	 net	 bleachers	 fans	 cheerleader
 scoreboard	 referee	 sneakers	 players	 whistle



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

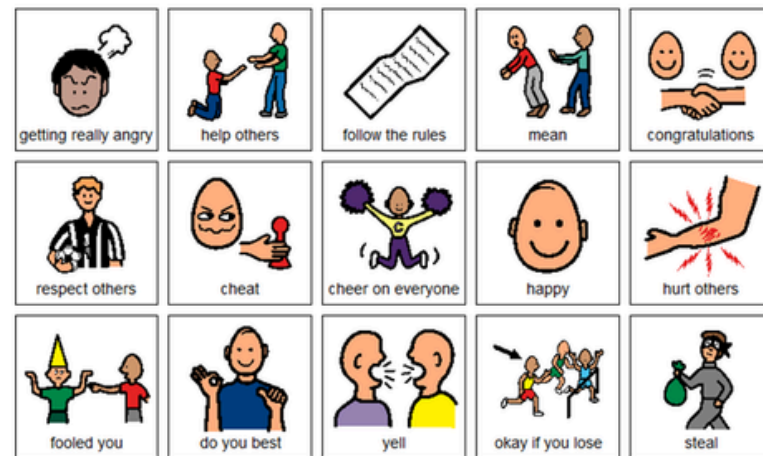
 basketball	 tiger	 bleachers	 fans	 hockey stick
 scoreboard	 referee	 sneakers	 football	 whistle
 inner tube	 net	 lifeguard	 players	 cheerleader

WRONG ANSWERS MIXED IN

What does a good sport vs a bad sport look like?











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










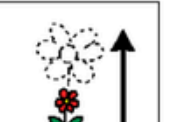
There are sorting activities.

Directions for adding color coding or a separate differentiated version are included.

There are 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.

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Sometimes...

Sometimes, things make me
seems unfair.

, especially when it

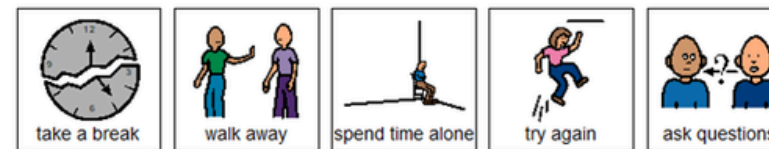
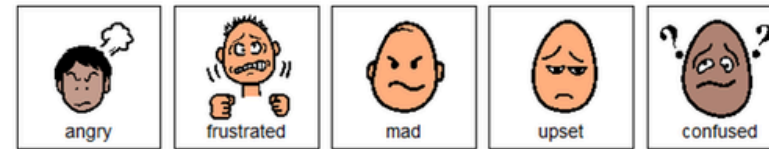
When I feel this way, I try to



If that doesn't work, I can

I know life is not always fair, and that is

I know I will be



There are writing prompts.

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

People often underestimate Danny because of his size. What does it mean to underestimate someone?

underestimate

don't know don't find out mistaken misjudge misunderstand

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Zach is missing her family. What does it mean to feel homesick?

homesick

sad miss depressed away from home Let's go home

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Complete the statements below showing some alternatives to fighting using the pictures on the next page or coming up with your own ideas.

Instead of you can

Instead of you can

Instead of you can

Instead of you can

Instead of you can

walk away talk share tell an adult compromise

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CH 4

The camp is in Maine. Color in the state of Maine (ME) on the map.

WA MT ND MN WI MI NY VT ME
 OR ID WY SD IA OH PA NJ RI
 CA NV UT CO NE IL IN WV VA DE MD DC
 AZ NM OK AR TN NC SC GA
 TX LA MS AL FL

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What does respecting others' property mean?

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ask first don't touch be gentle put things back share

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