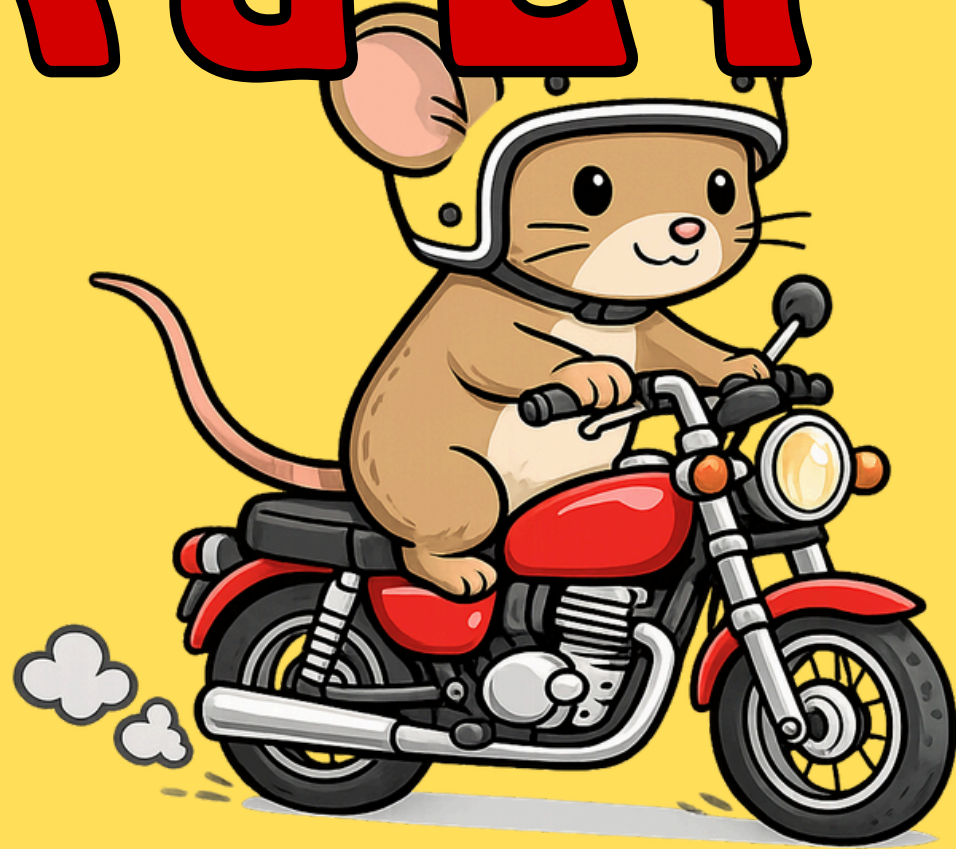


# Runaway Ralph



**22 activities**

**5 questions/  
chapter**





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 **22 different activities**. These activities will engage your students with what is happening in the story.

Each time you finish a chapter, there will be an activity your students can do.

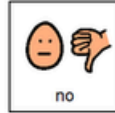
The activity will relate to something that occurred in the chapter.

These are cut-and-paste activities that are supported with pictures.

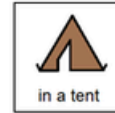
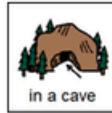
**Optional:** Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer multiple-choice questions about that chapter.

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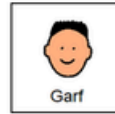
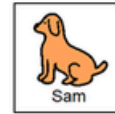
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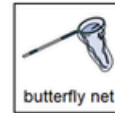
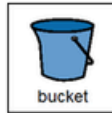
2. Where did Ralph decide to hide his motorcycle?



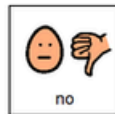
3. Who found Ralph's hiding place?



4. What did Garf use to catch Ralph?



5. Does Garf seem to be enjoying camp?



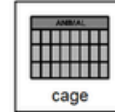
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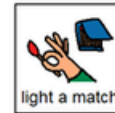
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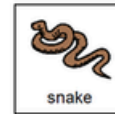
1. Where did they decide to keep Ralph?



2. What did Garf do that made Ralph uncomfortable?



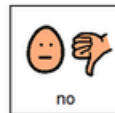
3. What became Ralph's neighbor?



4. Where had Chum been born?



5. Has Chum been to camp before?



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This unit has **5 questions** for each chapter. Each question has 3 picture choices.

Answer key included!!

# Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Runaway Ralph*, by Beverly Cleary.
- 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 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 a crucial 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 activity for most chapters. 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.

# Runaway Ralph

for Special Education

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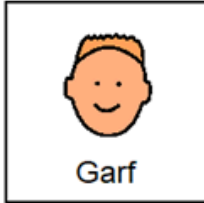
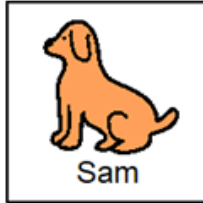
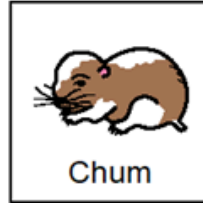

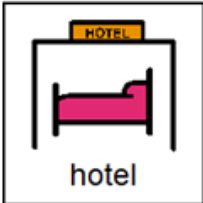
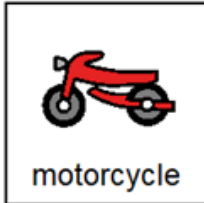
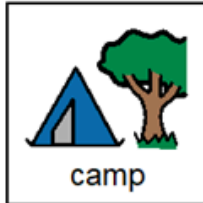

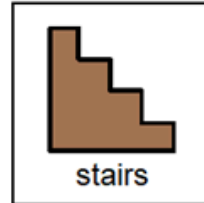

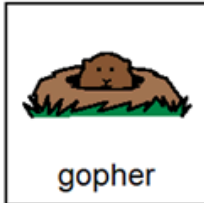
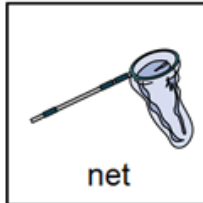
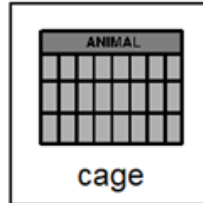
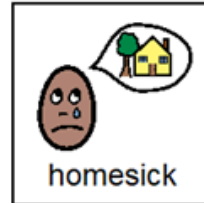

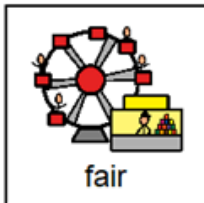

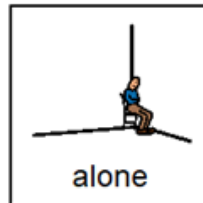




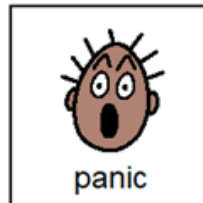
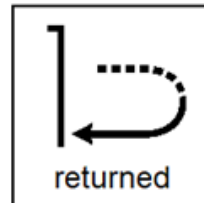
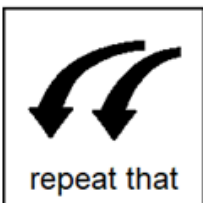
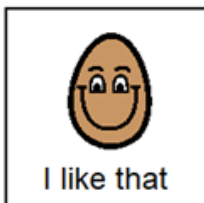
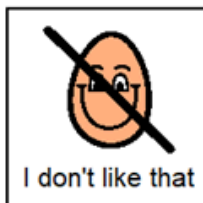

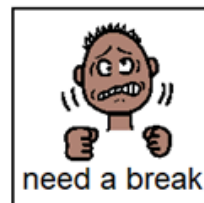
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Special Needs for Special Kids



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.

 Ralph	 Garf	 Sam	 Chum	 Catso
 hotel	 motorcycle	 camp	 selfish	 stairs
 run away	 gopher	 net	 cage	 homesick
 pet store	 fair	 sunflower seeds	 alone	 sing
 watch	 escape	 sleeping bag	 panic	 returned
 repeat that	 I like that	 I don't like that	 I don't know	 need a break

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This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

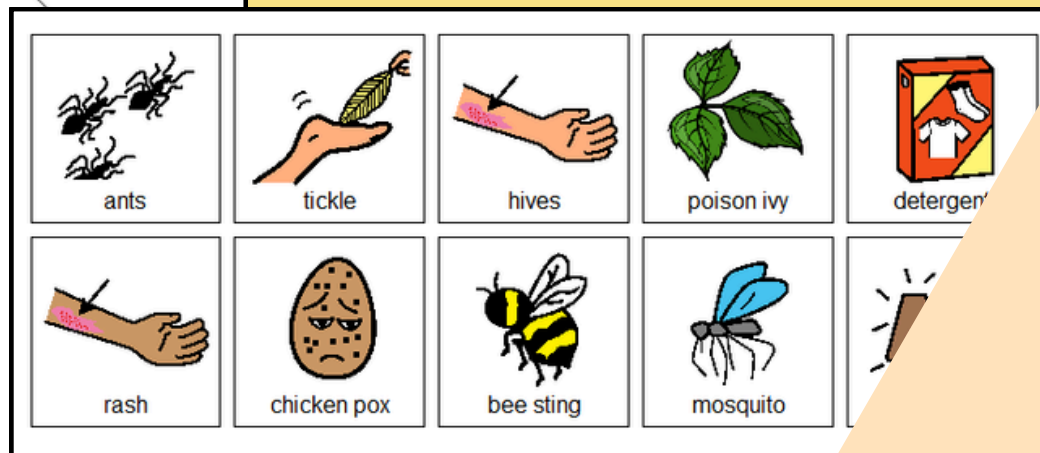
Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What are some things that might make a person itchy?

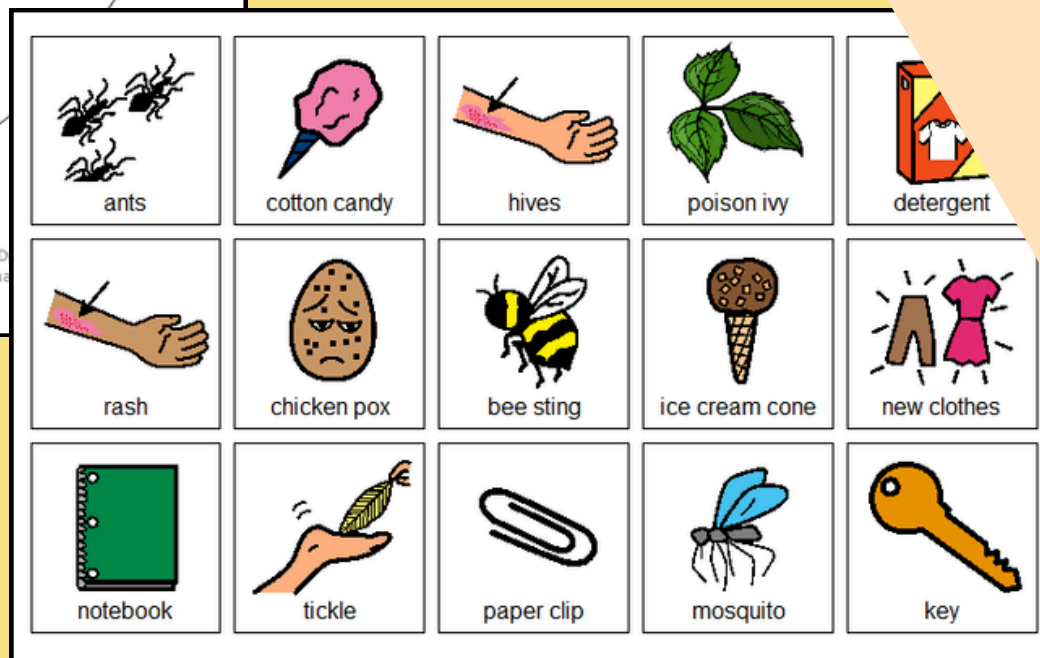


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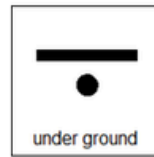
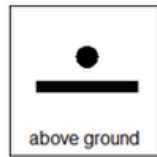
There are circle maps in this unit.

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

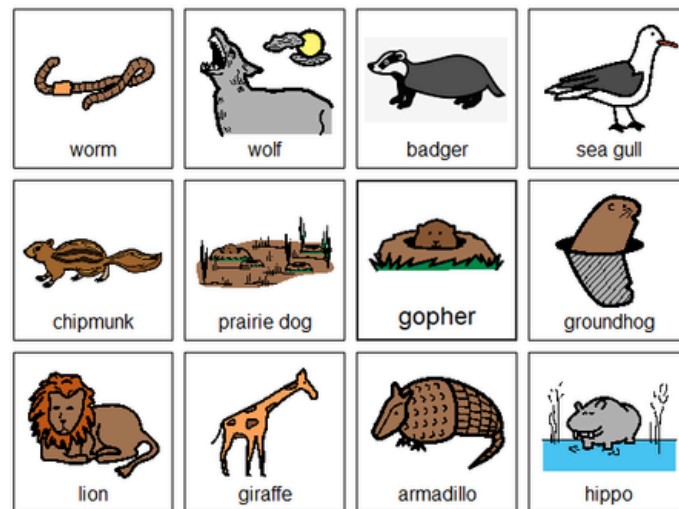


**WRONG ANSWERS  
MIXED IN**

Some animals spend much of their time underground, and some do not. Look at the pictures on the next page and sort them into the correct column.



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



**Answer Key**

**Below ground:**

- worm
- badger
- chipmunk
- prairie dog
- gopher
- groundhog
- armadillo

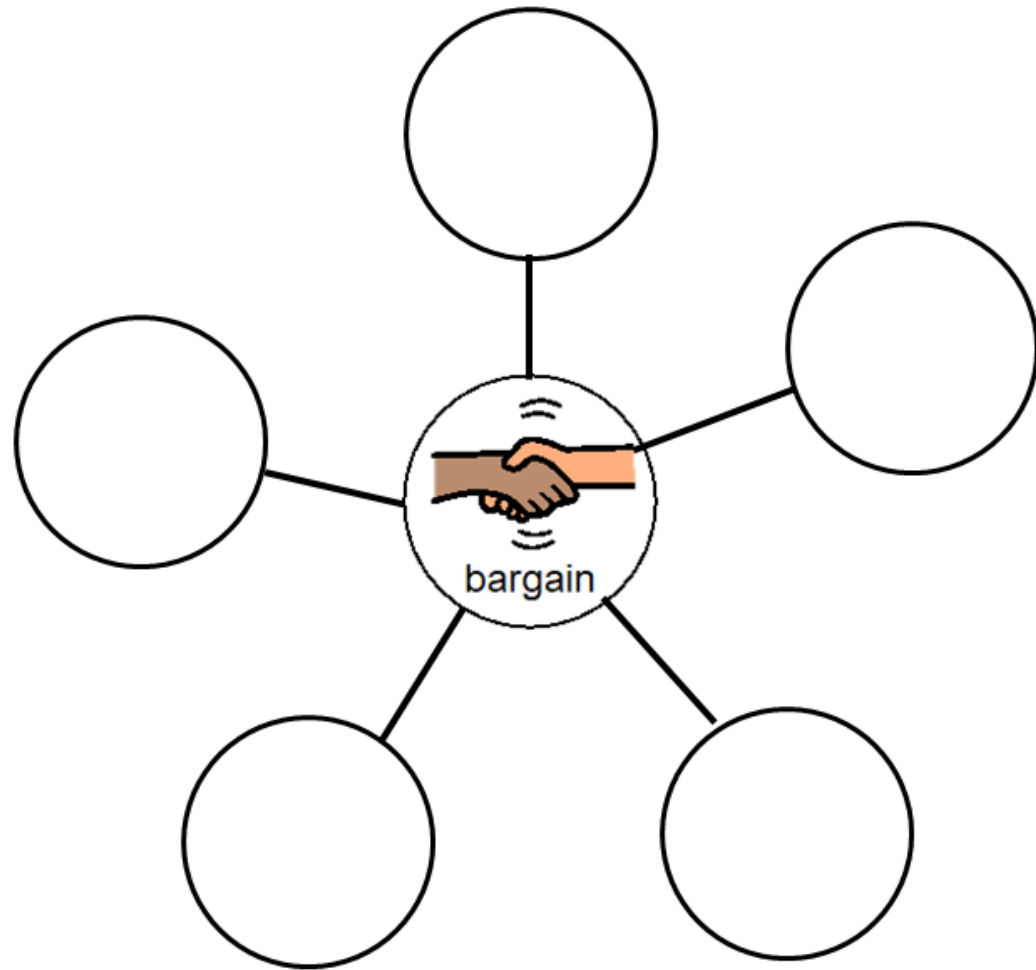
**Above ground:**

- wolf
- sea gull
- lion
- giraffe
- hippo

There are sorting activities.

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

Ralph and Garf make a bargain. What is a bargain?



There are matching activities.

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

Help Ralph find his way to the camp.

CH 2

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Ralph was very resentful of having to give the younger mice a ride on his motorcycle. What does resentful mean?

resentful

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upset   angry   frustrated   jealous   don't like that

CH 1

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What does it mean when someone runs away?

run away

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escape   flee   leave   bye

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

Many of the girls think Garf took Karen's watch. What does it mean to be accused?

accused

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charge with crime   on trial   blame   arrest   serve a warrant

CH 6

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Ralph feels like he is doomed after being caught by Garf. What are some other words for doomed?

doomed

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bad   mistake   catastrophe   failure   hazard

CH 3

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