

BOXCAR CHILDREN #7

Woodshed Mystery



17 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.

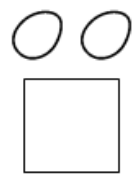
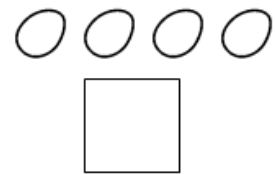


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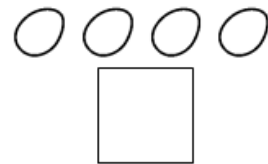
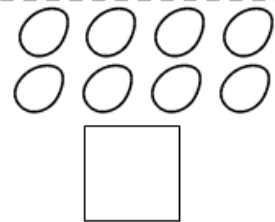
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This novel unit has **17 different activities**. These activities are NOT comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

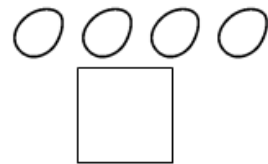
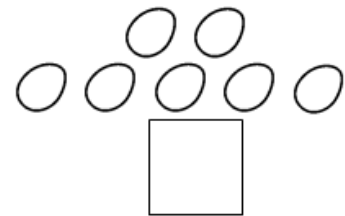
Benny notices there are eggs missing from the Beans. Leo at each set of eggs. Count the eggs in each group and determine how many are missing.



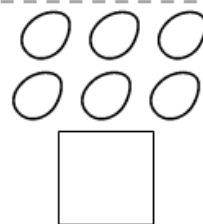
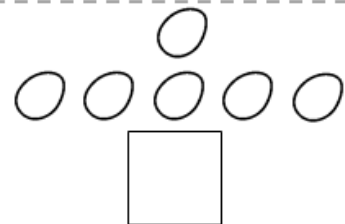
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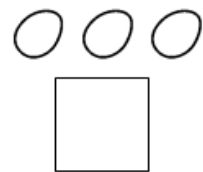
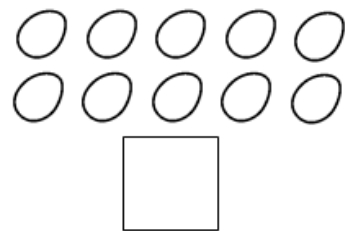
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For example, Benny notices that someone is stealing eggs.

Students will determine how many eggs are missing in each set.

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 supported by pictures.

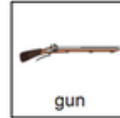
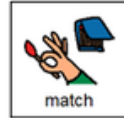
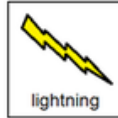
Optional: Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer 5 multiple-choice questions about that chapter.

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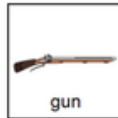
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2. What started the fire?



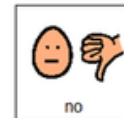
3. What mysterious object seems associated with Andy Bear's disappearance?



4. What is the condition of the house?



5. Is Sim going to help fix it up?



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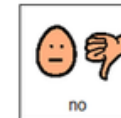
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1. What will Mrs. Morse make for Grandfather and the children?



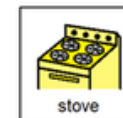
2. Does anyone seem to know why the farm is so mysterious?



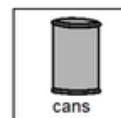
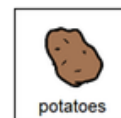
3. Where are the Aldens planning to eat all the food Mrs. Morse is preparing?



4. How did they heat the water?



5. What did Grandfather say they kept in a pit in the basement when he was younger?



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CH 4

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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!!

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *The Woodshed Mystery*, by Gertrude Chandler Warner.
- The thought is that you would read it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student a copy of the storyboard (pg. 5) 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 anything for them to do. This is a crucial life skill. At some point, we all have to sit and listen to someone we are not that interested in.
 - 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 transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest-level learners, you will have one or two who 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-its 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 activities for most chapters. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that best suit your students.
- Differentiation:
 - You can quickly differentiate any activity for your lower-level learners by using color coding.
 - 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 five questions per chapter, each with three picture answer choices. You will find these (in both color and black-and-white) 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 Woodshed Mystery for Special Education

By
Christa Joy
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.



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!!

The boys use a shingle to dig with. What are some things that you could use to dig with?

ERRORLESS VERSION

 shovel	 hand shovel	 stick	 rocks	 hands
 bucket	 hoe	 excavator	 axe	 rake

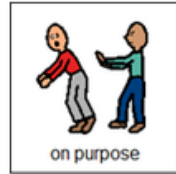


There are circle maps in this unit. Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.

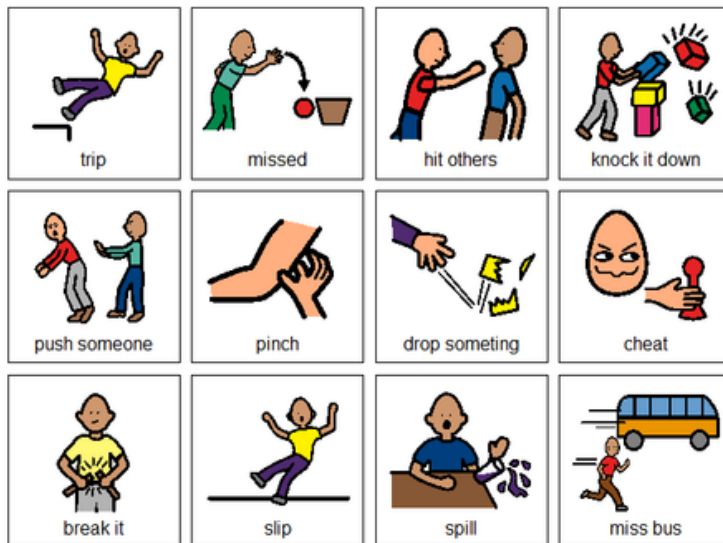
 shovel	 cushion	 stick	 rocks	 pillow
 bucket	 hoe	 excavator	 towel	 rake
 apron	 hand shovel	 socks	 axe	 hands

WRONG ANSWERS
MIXED IN

Andy starting the fire was an accident. Look at the pictures and decide whether you think they were accidents or done on purpose.



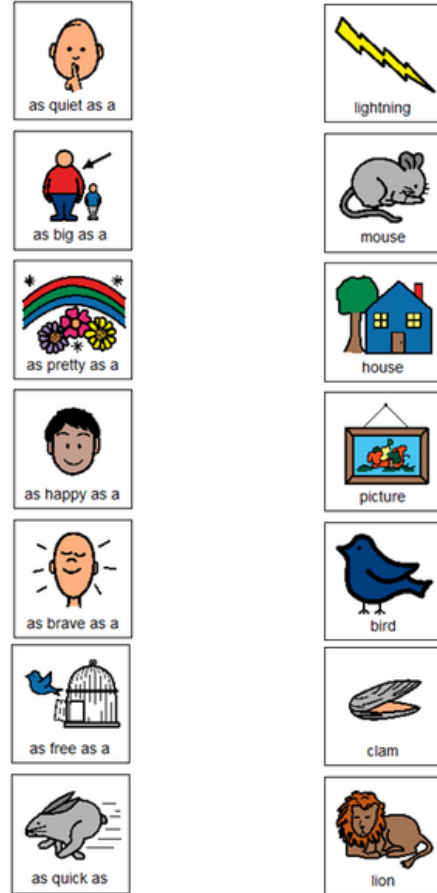
Sort the following pictures into the correct column. If you are not sure, put it on the middle line.



There are sorting activities.

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

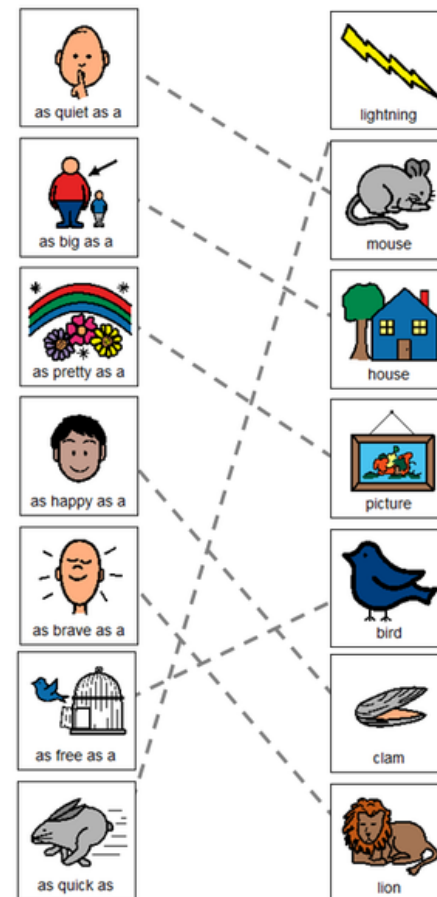
Aunt Jane (and Benny) likes to do things “quick like a fox.”
Draw a line to the picture that would best finish the simile.



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There are matching activities.

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I Remember when...

I like to remember back when I was

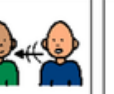
I remember

My favorite toy was



My favorite person to play with was my

We spent so much time

 a baby	 younger	 in kindergarten	 a kid	 in preschool	
 playing	 everybody	 everything	 being happy	 my family	
 teddy bear	 stuffed animal	 slinky	 toy train	 koosh ball	 wagon
 best friend	 sister	 brother	 grandmother	 neighbor	 puppy
 playing	 exploring	 playing games	 talking	 outside	 running

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There are writing prompts.

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

What is anticipation?

excitement
 wait
 suspense
 hope

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What is a regret?

I regret is something you you had done.

A regret can make you feel .

A regret can help you makes better .

has regrets.

from them.

learn
 sad
 wish
 everybody

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What did they find in the potato pit?

stool
 candlesticks
 boxes
 plate
 cup
 spoon

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