

A RIVER OF WORDS



5 ACTIVITIES
PRINT & DIGITAL



Special Needs for Special Kids



These literacy units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. This is a great way to expose all students to some great books.

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This unit includes 5 activities to accompany this book, enough to last a full week of instruction.



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This unit comes with a
storyboard.

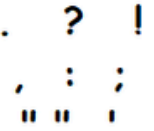
Storyboards are great for ALL
students to assist with
participation and engagement
in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What makes something a poem? Complete the circle map below to show different things that go into making a poem.

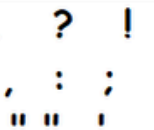


ERRORLESS

 use words to make pictures	 descriptive	 tells a story	 punctuation	 stanza
 words	 author	 can rhyme	 title	 feelings

There is a circle map about poetry.

There is an option containing correct answers and another containing wrong answers mixed in.

 use words to make pictures	 descriptive	 cushion	 punctuation	 stanza
 cookies	 author	 can rhyme	 title	 basket
 words	 grasshopper	 tells a story	 flamingo	 feelings

WRONG ANSWERS
MIXED IN

Sometimes, poems are groups of words that describe an object.
Match each poem with its subject.

king jungle mane roar		pink bird one leg beak	
candles icing chocolate sing		waves shark swim crab	
stanza words images rhyme		trunk big gray jungle	
bark fur pet paws		cold cone sweet milk	

Match the following pictures with the poems on the previous page.



ice cream
cone



lion



elephant



flamingo



birthday cake



dog



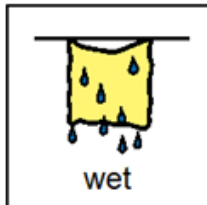
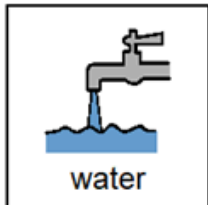
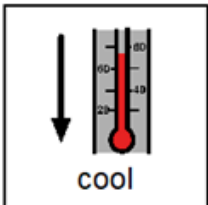
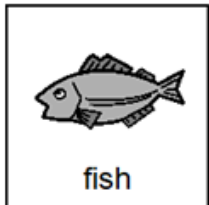
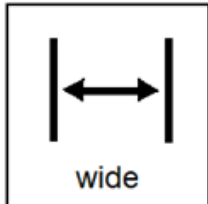
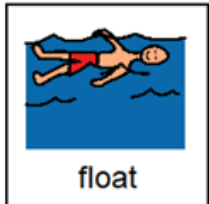
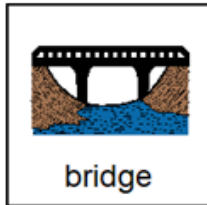
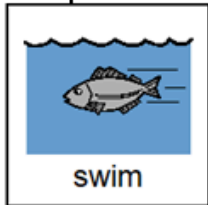
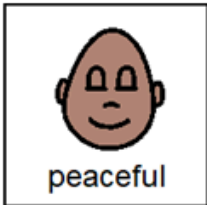
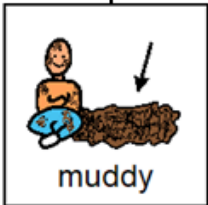
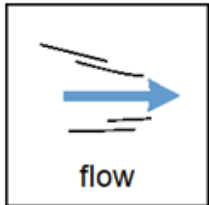
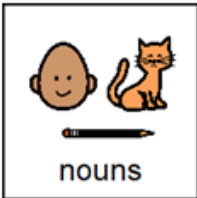
ocean



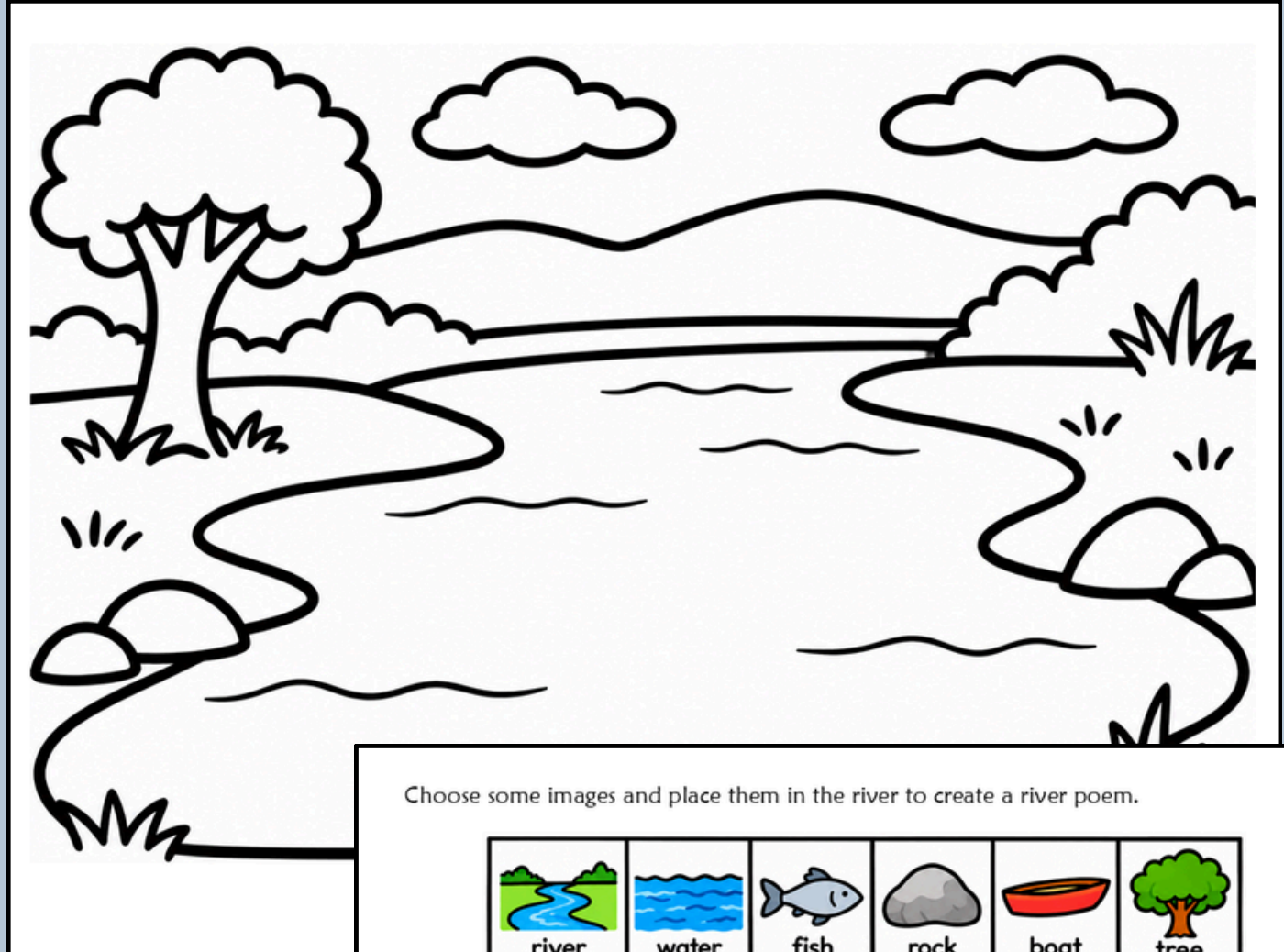
poem

There is a matching activity:
matching the subject of a
short group of words (poem).

Some words that describe a river into the correct column.



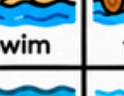
Students will sort nouns, verbs, and adjectives that describe a river.



Students will complete a collage of “A River of Words.”

It comes with a blank template that students can write their own words, or use some of the pictures included.

Choose some images and place them in the river to create a river poem.

 river	 water	 fish	 rock	 boat	 tree
 grass	 bird	 frog	 turtle	 duck	 bridge
 waterfall	 splash	 flow	 swim	 float	 paddle
 wide	 winding	 shallow	 deep	 clear	 muddy
 calm	 happy	 calm	 relaxed	 peaceful	 inspired

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My River Poem

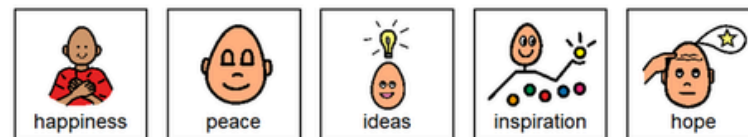
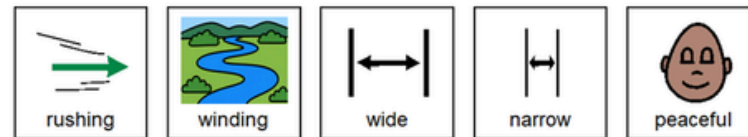
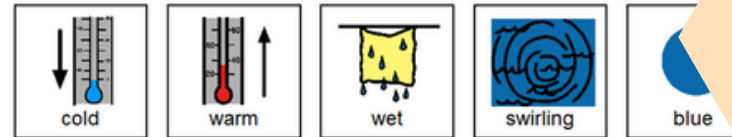
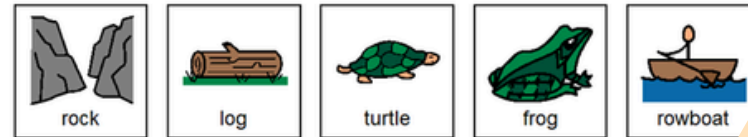
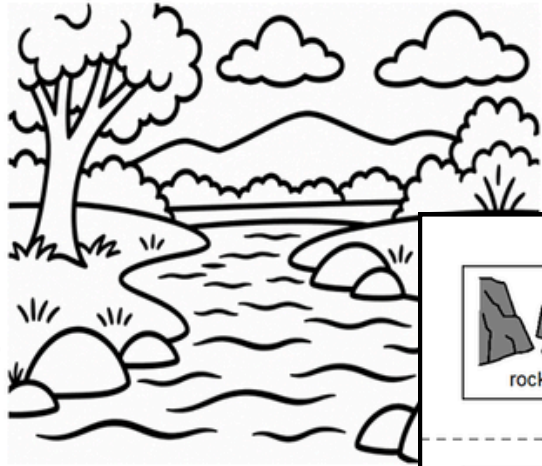
A sits in the river.

The water is .

The river is .

I can hear as I sit by the river.

The river brings me .



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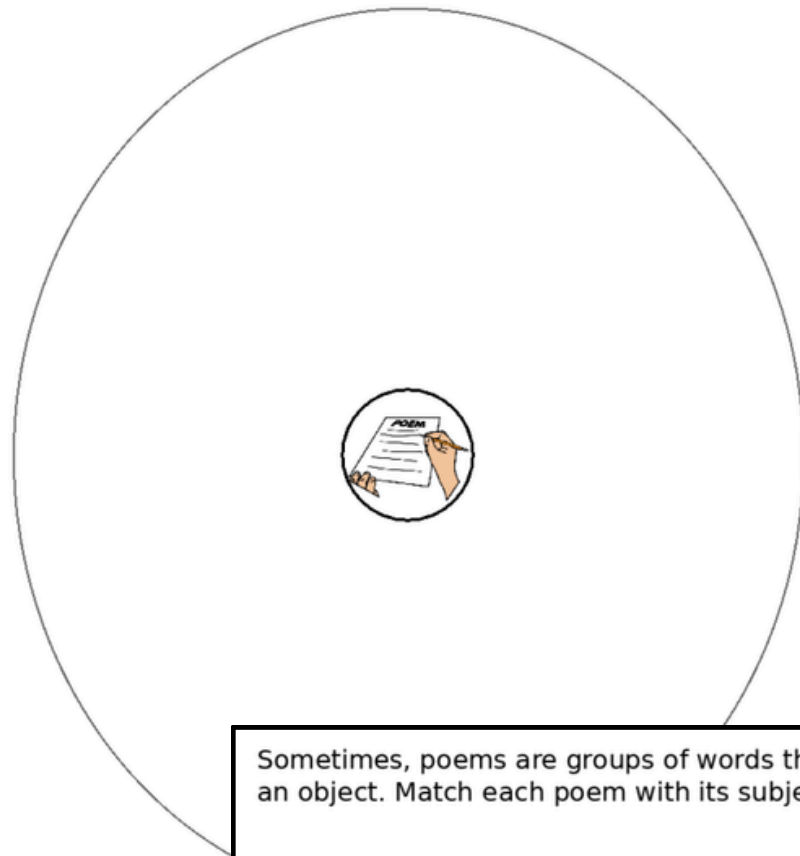
Students will write a poem about a river.

This is an errorless activity that allows students to write their own story independently.



There is a video of the book read aloud. This is a video from YouTube.





Place the pictures in the circle map on the left side describing a poem.



Sometimes, poems are groups of words that describe an object. Match each poem with its subject.

king
jungle
mane
roar



pink
bird
one leg
beak



candles
icing
chocolate
sing



waves
shark
swim
crab



stanza
words
images
rhyme



trunk
big
gray
jungle



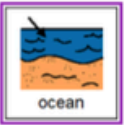
bark
fur
pet
paws



cold
cone
sweet
milk



Match each picture with its poem on the left side.



There are digital versions of the activities included. Students click and drag the answers.