Letter 5 Letter of the Week Unit

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If you need some of these activities in black and white, please email me at:

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Day I

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5 min	Alphabet song	Alphabet songAlphabet chart (included)	
5 min	Read: S Book	 Printed book (included) OR Way to project pdf document 	• Every year was different. Some years my kids took sit and listen while I read the story. Some years, they needed the extra stimulation of the book begin projected while I read.
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10 min	Class Circle Map	 Directions (included) Large class circle map Letter of the week pictures (included) 	
10 min	Individual Circle Map	 Circle map (included) Small circle map pictures (included) 	 Fine motor activities are an important part of my student's day. It is important that you find the best entry level for each student so they can complete this activity as independently as possible Pre-cut for some

			students Provide adaptedscissors as neededPre-glue if needed
10 min	Song/Video clip	• Look on youtube or discovery.com	There are so many options on youtube or other educational websites for songs or short video clips either about the letter of the week of something that starts with that letter

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10 min	Class Scavenger Hunt	 Directions (included) Letter cards (included) 	• It is important to take into account the needs or your students when it comes to overstimulation. Some can handle a scavenger hunt that goes down the hall or involves the whole school. Some students will only be able to handle staying in the classroom. If you have an assistant, consider breaking into more than 1 group to best address the multiple needs for your class.
10 min	Individual Sorting Activity	 Letter font sort (included) Initial consonant picture sort (included) Construction paper to affix letters or pictures to 	Use the sorting activity that you feel will best address the learning level of your students

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10 min	Class Pick up the Plates Activity	 Directions (included) Paper plates Letters (included) Pictures (included) 	 This activity, like many other whole class activities, takes advantage of kinesthetic learning. Getting up and moving can be disruptive, but given practice, students can learn to do this calmly and is a great way to assimilate the new information. Many of our students also have social goals, so take this time to teach students about taking turns and appropriate game"
10 min	Individual Preposition Coloring Booklet	• Student booklet (included)	 Again, I chose to include this as a weekly activity because so many of my students have a preposition goal they need to work on. This gives me a way to address this goal in a format that is not necessarily math focused.

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• I have made the
booklet black and
white so you can
have the option of
having students
color the pictures.
(Most of my
students hated to
color, so I was
more focused on
the letter of the
week and
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	Class Craft	• Directions	• Special attention is
	Activity:	and list of	made to make this
		materials	craft as
10	Sandy Shaker	(included)	independent and
min	Bottles		engaging as
			possible for
			students with
			serious challenges
10	Individual	 Directions 	 Good for fine
min	Letter Collage	(included)	motor practice and
		Letter	sensory input
		template	
		(included)	
		• sand	

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5 min	Alphabet song	Alphabet songAlphabet chart (included)	
5 min	Read: Secrets	 Printed book (included) OR Way to project pdf document 	• I find social stories to be a powerful tool for students. Although this does not directly relate to the letter of the week, it is a good opportunity to address while still reviewing the letter of the week.
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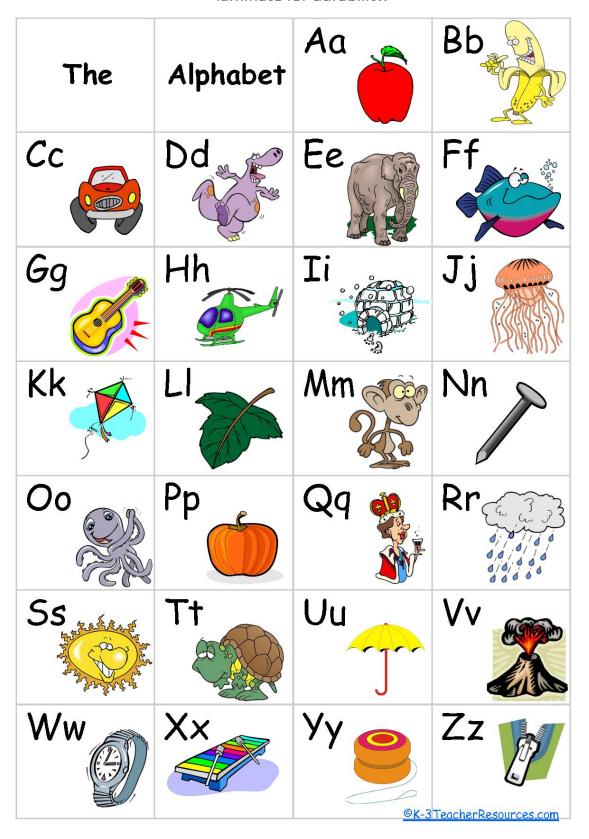
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10 min	Class Cooking Activity: Spider Snacks	• Directions and list of materials (included)	• So fun, just be check for allergies and make adjustments as needed.
10 min	Ok and not Ok secrets to keep sort	 Sorting template (included) Scenarios to sort (included) 	This goes along with the social story read at the beginning of the lesson.

Note: On Day 5, I would conduct an individual assessment on each student. I had letter cards that I would have students choose from when asked to find the letter by name and by sound. I would also review letters from previous weeks as well.

Final thoughts:

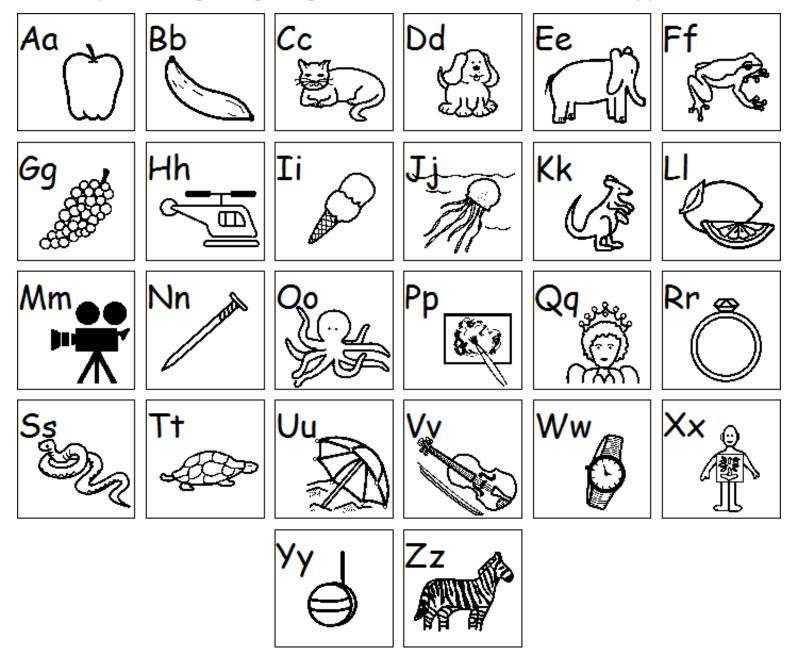
- I did not include any tracing activities in these packets because I used the Handwriting Without Tears program at a separate point in the day.
- I also did not include any coloring sheets, because I feel they are easy enough to find on the internet, and felt the unit would just get too bulky. But, I did do coloring sheets quite frequently in my daily lesson plan.
- Finally, I utilized the starfall.com website A LOT during this lesson, but did not address directly here. We usually ended every lesson with kids at the smartboard (or simply projected before we blessed to get an interactive board) reviewing the letter of the day as well as past letter taught.

To use with alphabet song at start of lesson. Make one copy per student and laminate for durability.



Alphabet chart from: www.docstoc.com/profile/k3teachers

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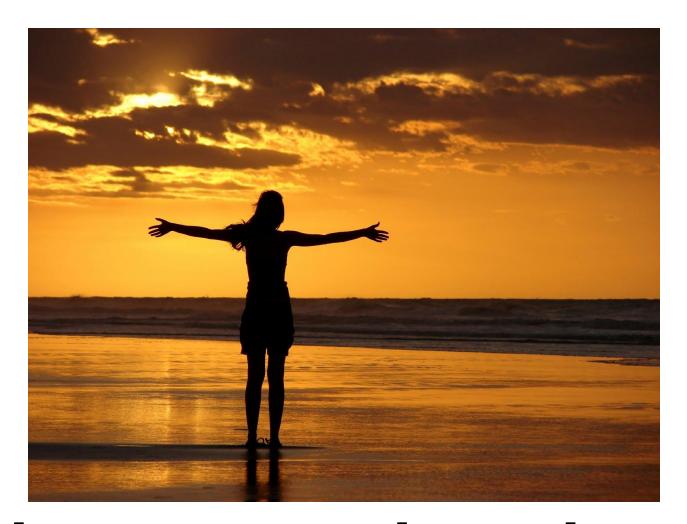
The Letter S

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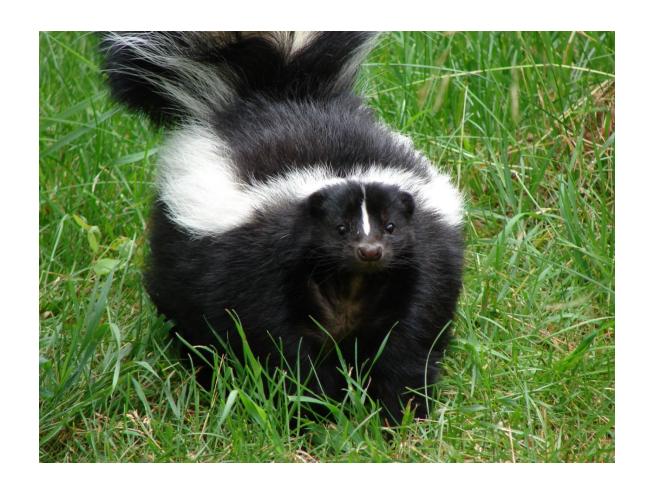
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There are many things that start with the letter S.



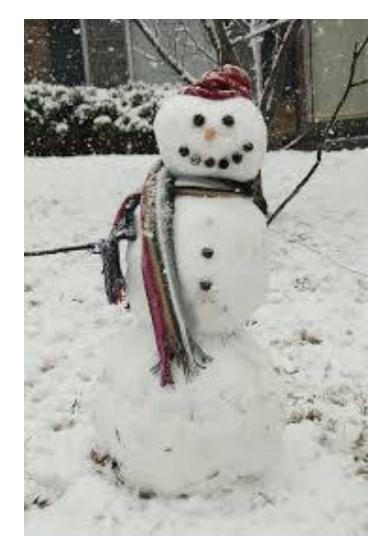
Snake starts with S.



Skunk starts with S. Stinky!



Spider starts with S. Eeek!



Snowman starts with S.



Sledding starts with S.



Slide starts with S.



Swings start with S.

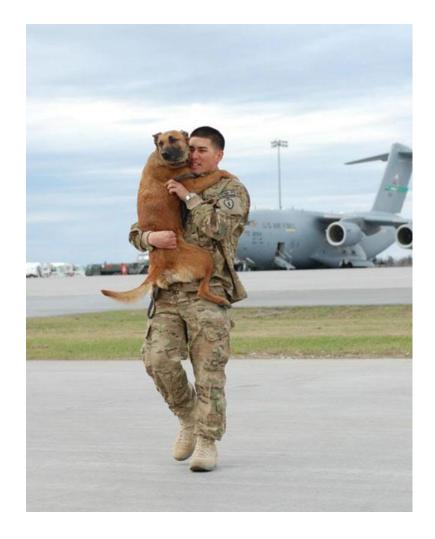


Strawberry ice cream starts with S. Yum!

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A healthy snack starts with S.



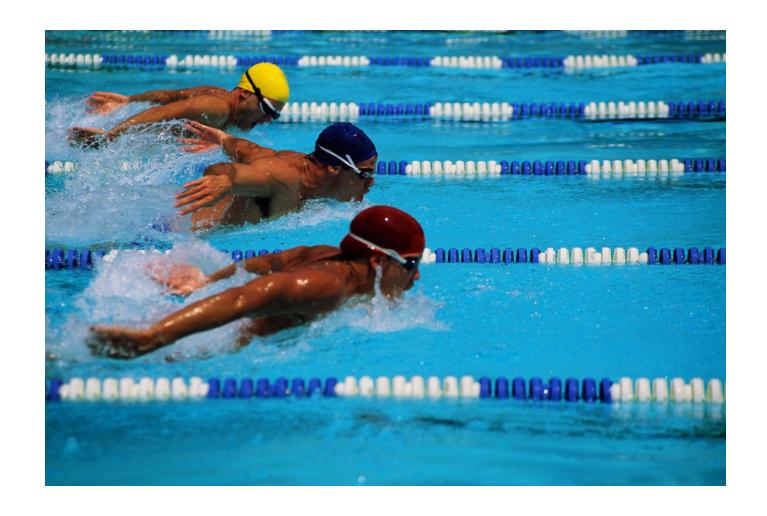
Soldier starts with S.

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Surfing starts with S.

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Swimming starts with S.



Swamp starts with S.



Sleepy starts with S.

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Starry night starts with S.

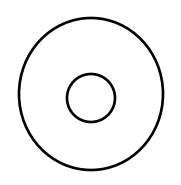


Santa starts with S.



The letter S.

Class Circle Map



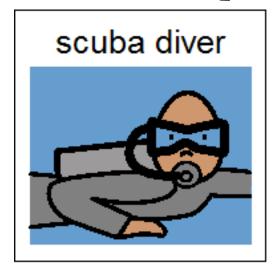
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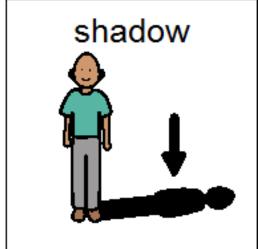
- Draw a large circle on a piece of poster board (I used a class trash can)
- Either laminate or apply pieces of hook velcro in random places within the circle
- Cut out follow pictures, laminate and attach loop velcro if using

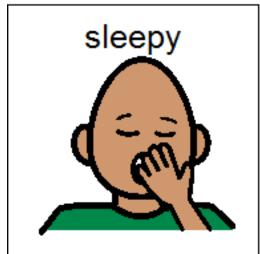
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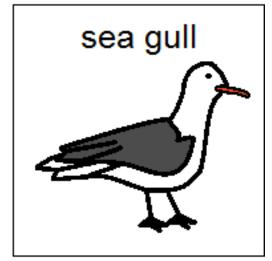
- Place a post-it note in center of the letter of the week
- Distribute prepared letter card symbols to the students.
- Have them take turns bringing up cards and adding to circle
- When complete, re-name all pictures in the circle
- There are enough cards to use different cards throughout the week

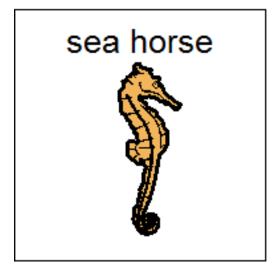
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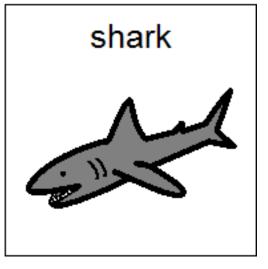




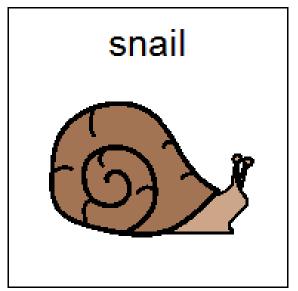


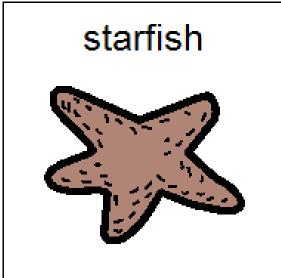




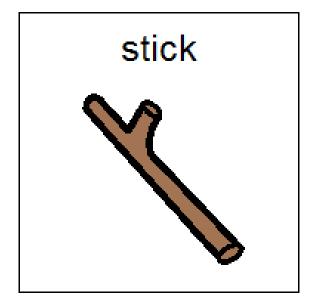


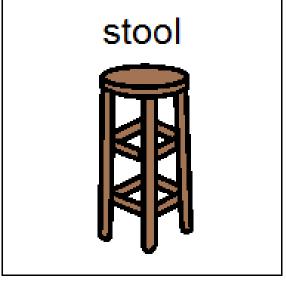




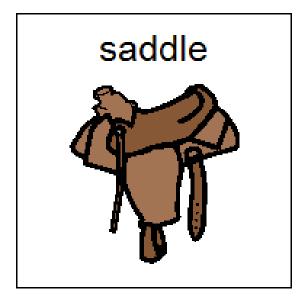


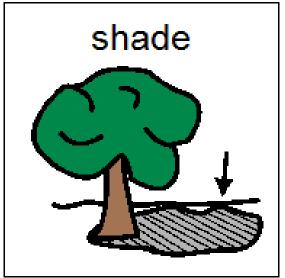




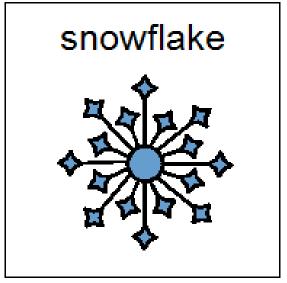


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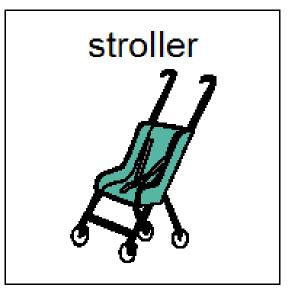


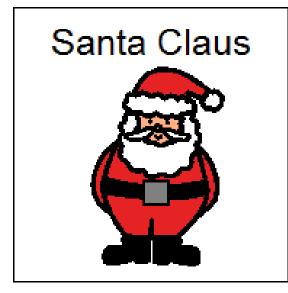


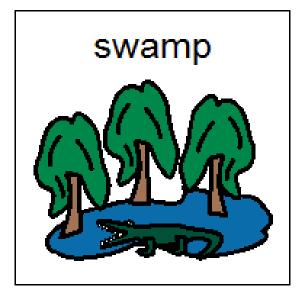


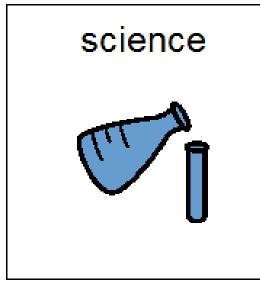


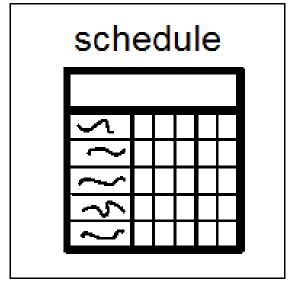


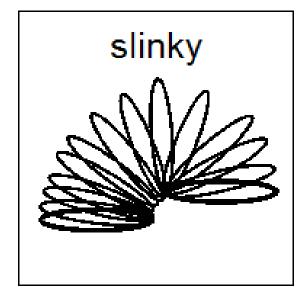


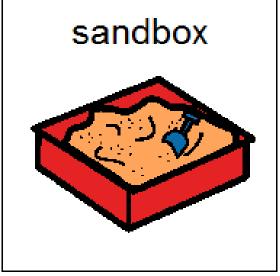


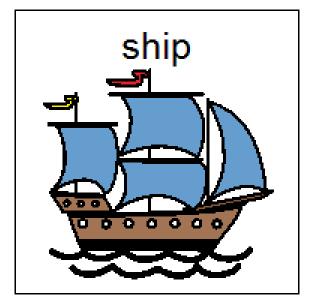


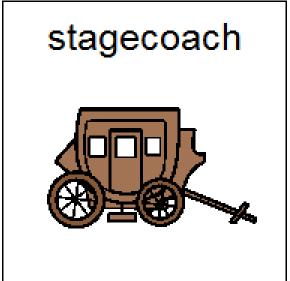




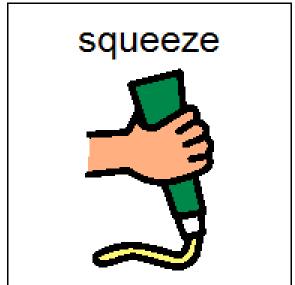


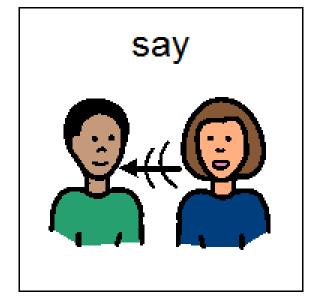


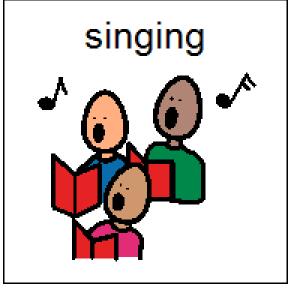


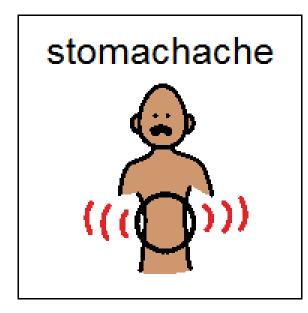


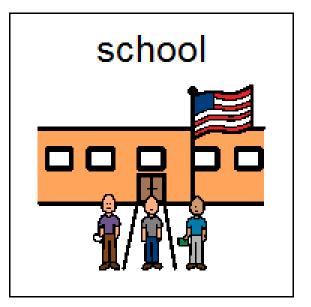




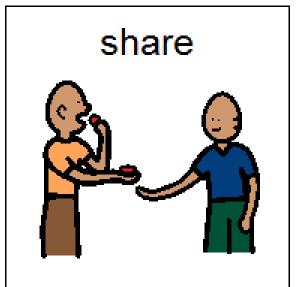




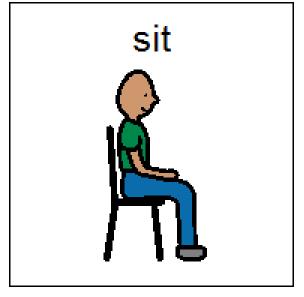


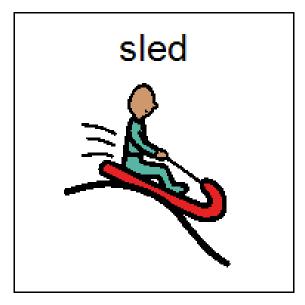


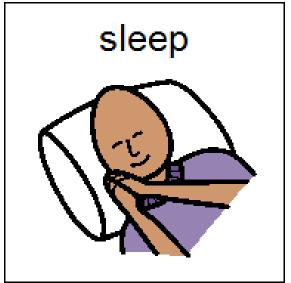






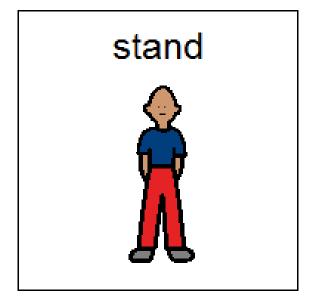


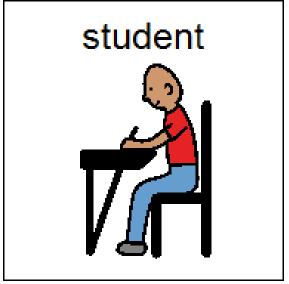




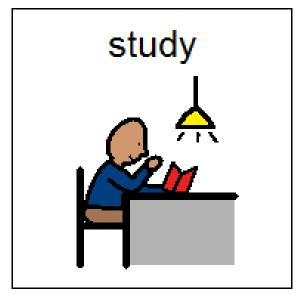


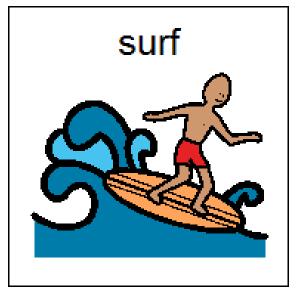




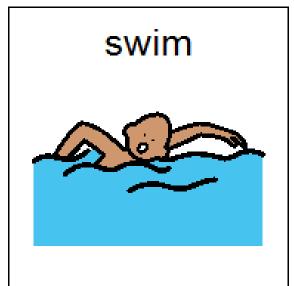


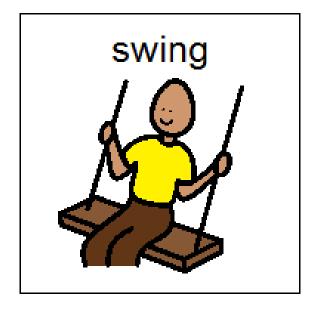
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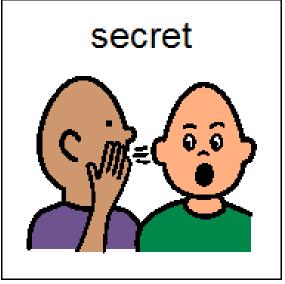


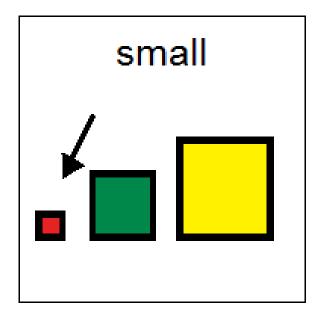


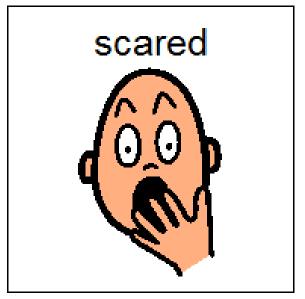


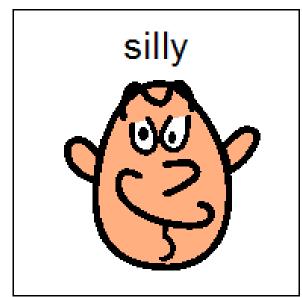


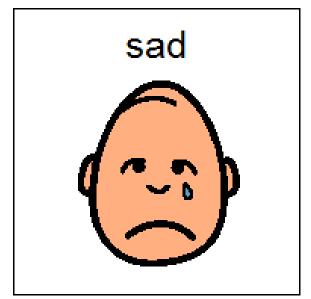


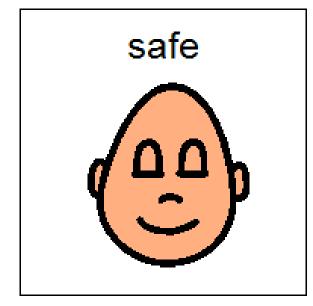






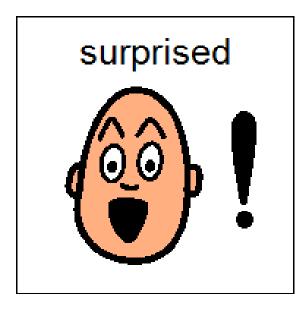


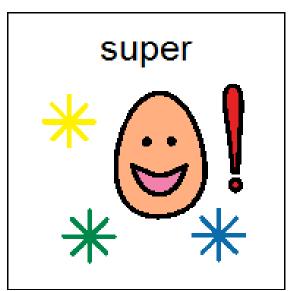




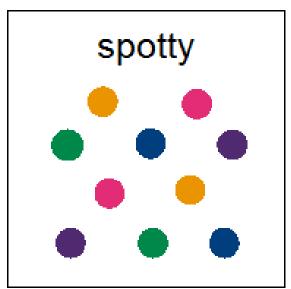


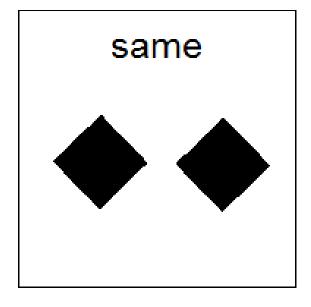
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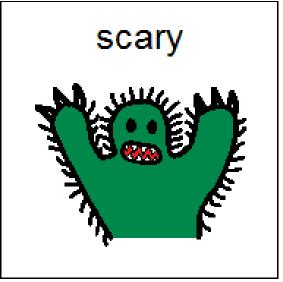




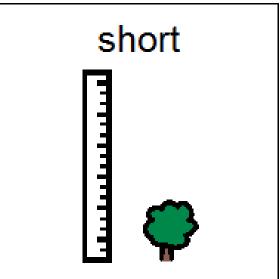


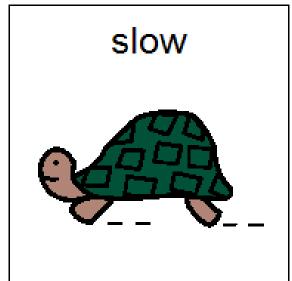


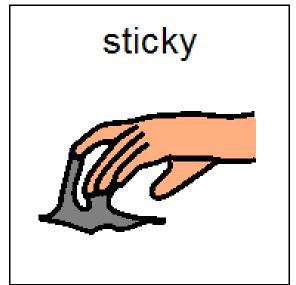




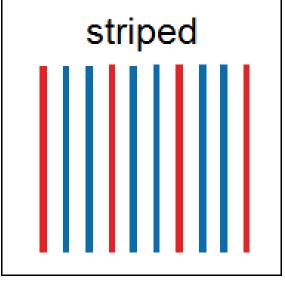




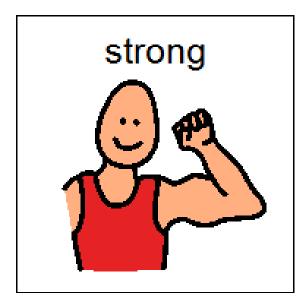




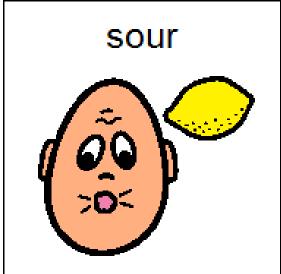


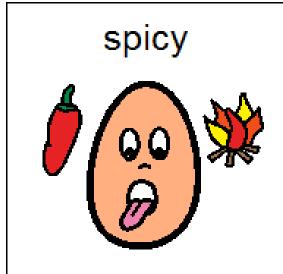


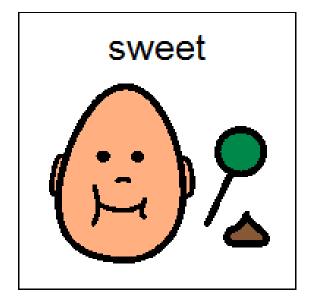
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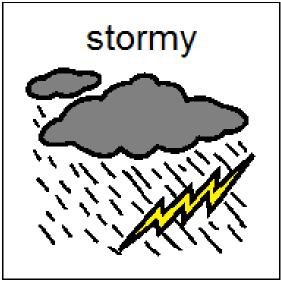


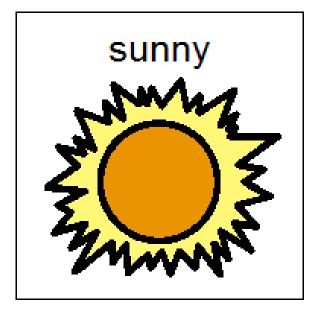


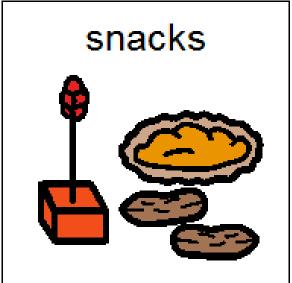


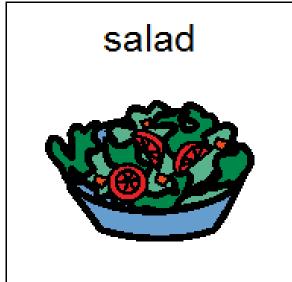


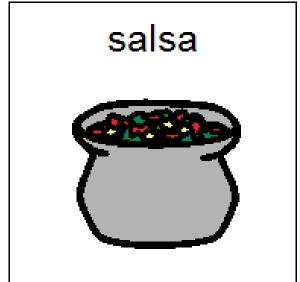


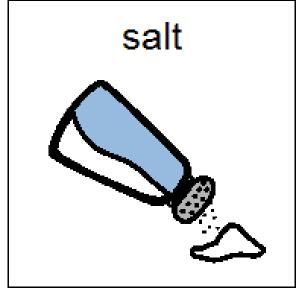


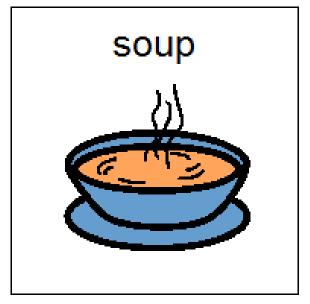




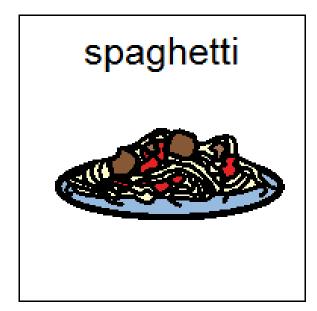




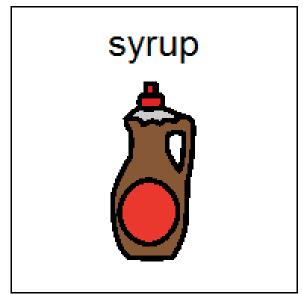


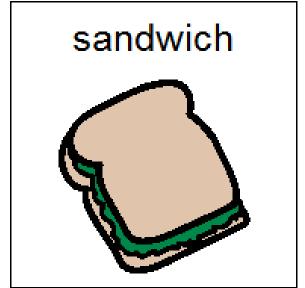


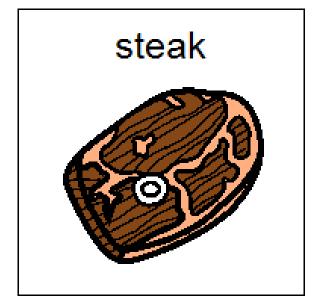
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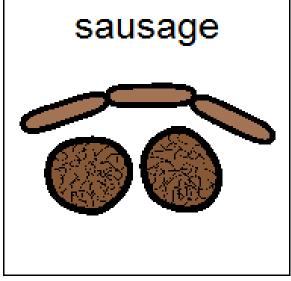




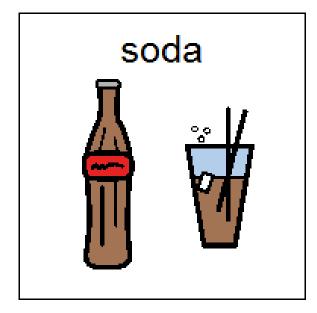


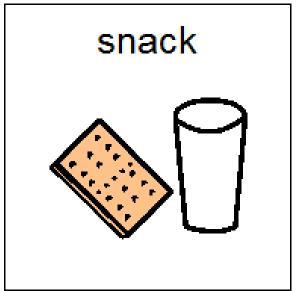


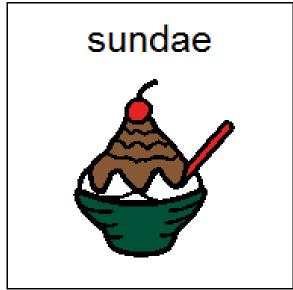


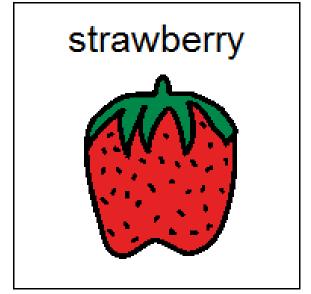


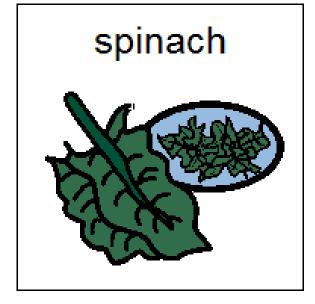
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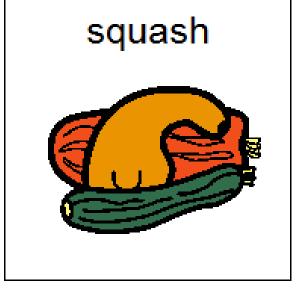




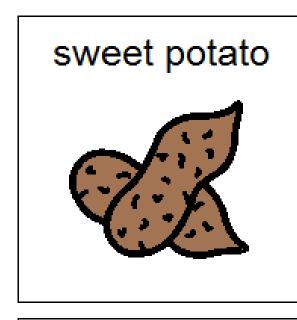


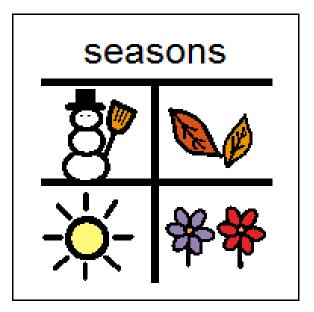


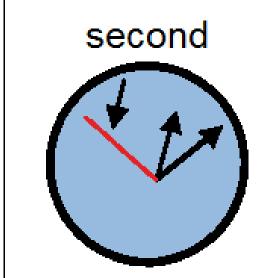


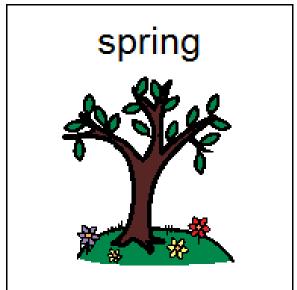


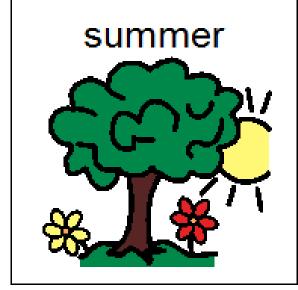
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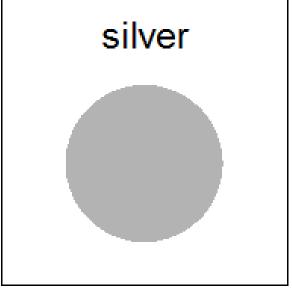




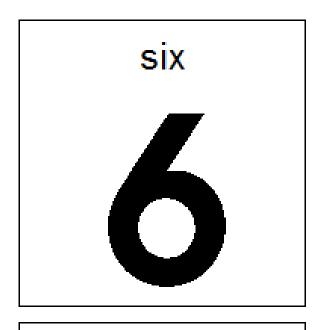




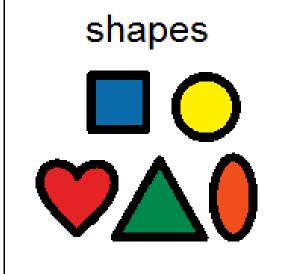


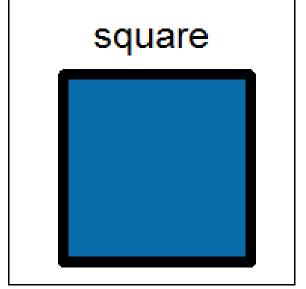


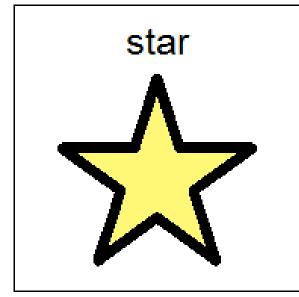
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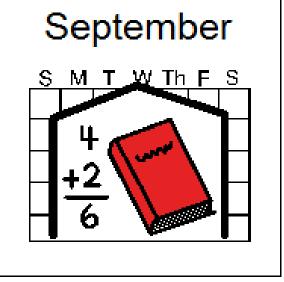




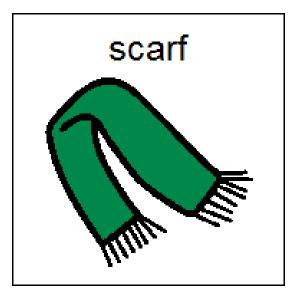




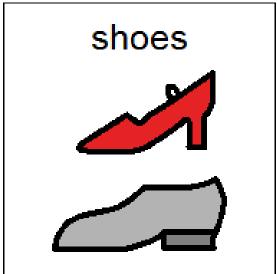


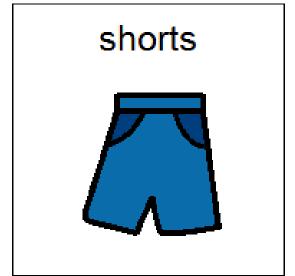


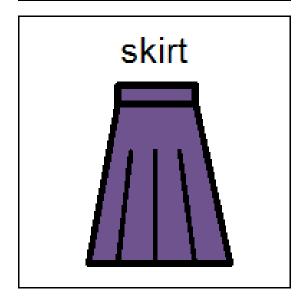
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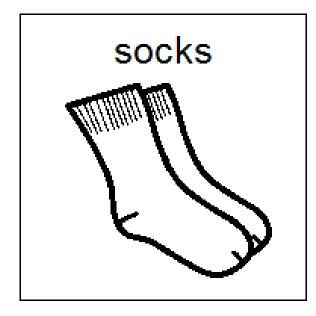


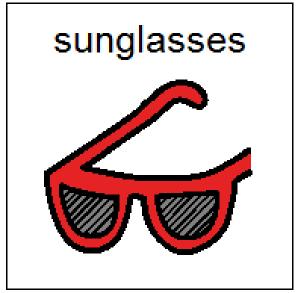








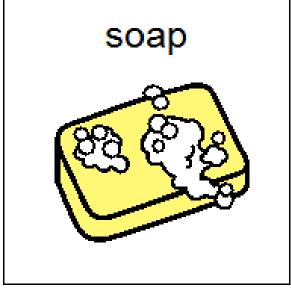




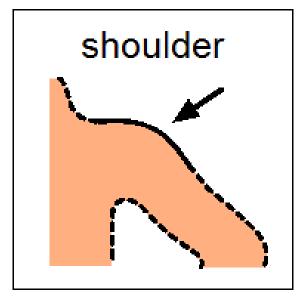




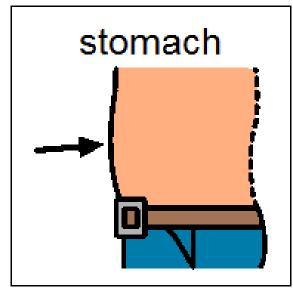


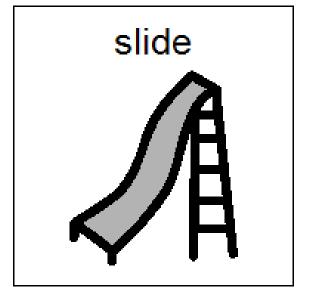


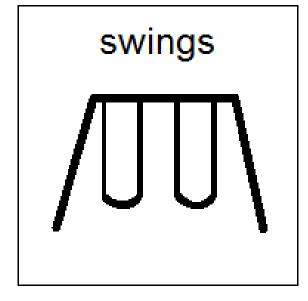
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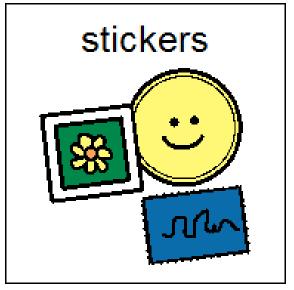


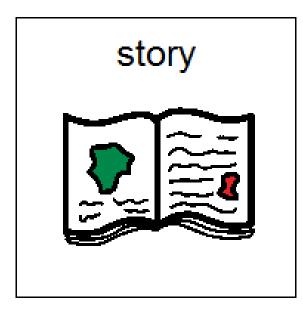


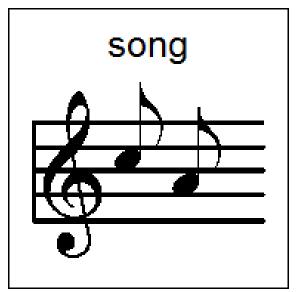


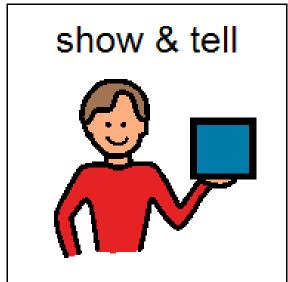




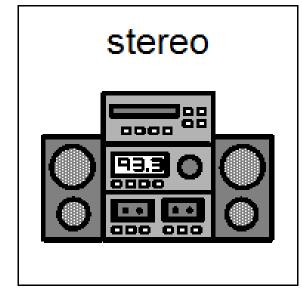




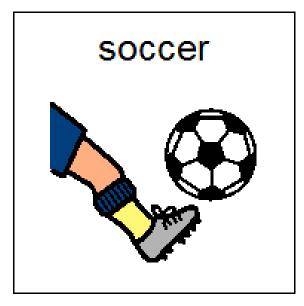


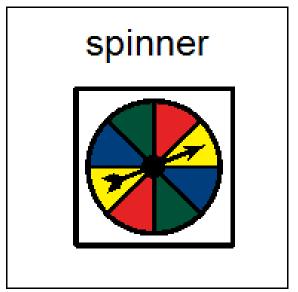


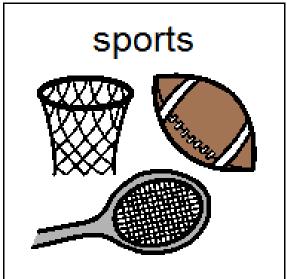


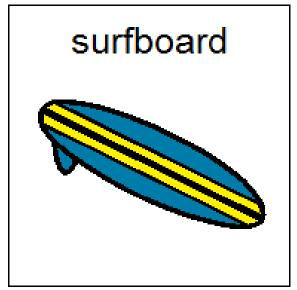


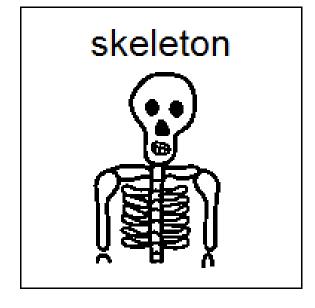






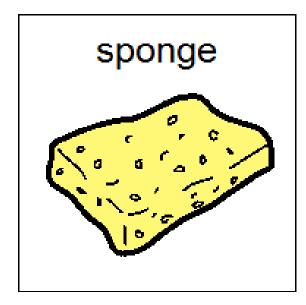


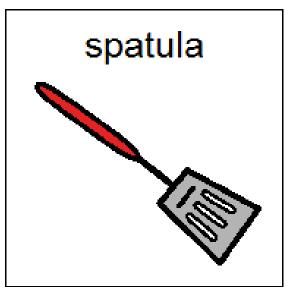


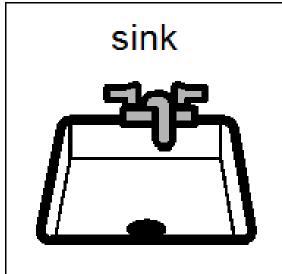


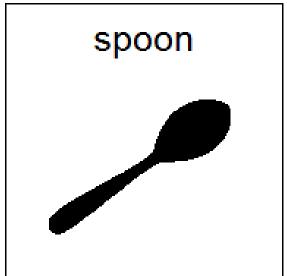


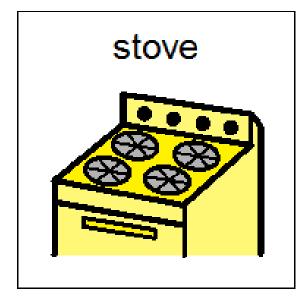
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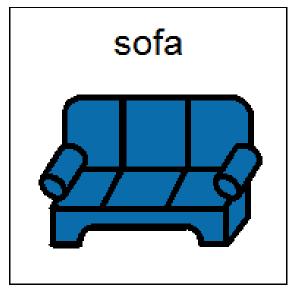


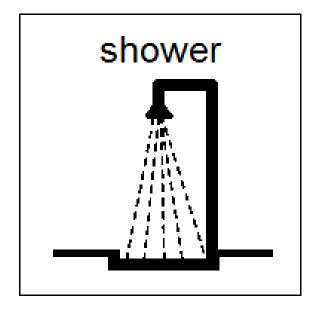


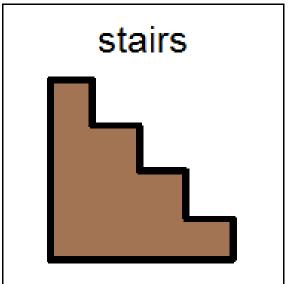


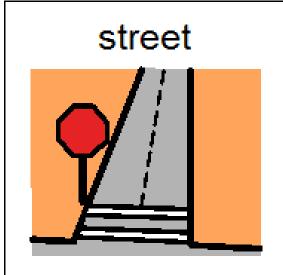


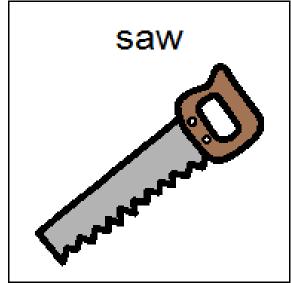


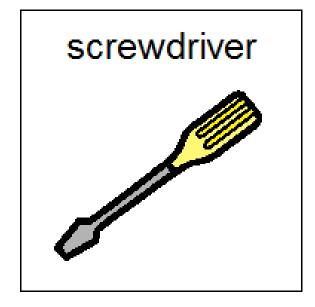


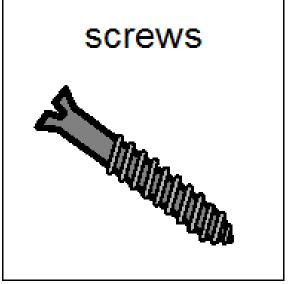




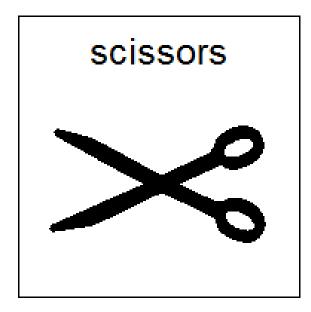


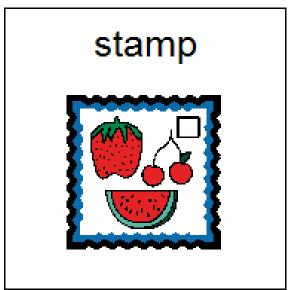


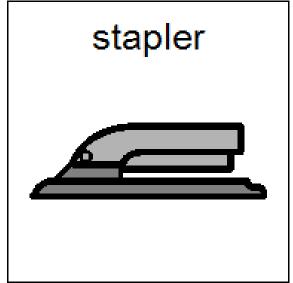


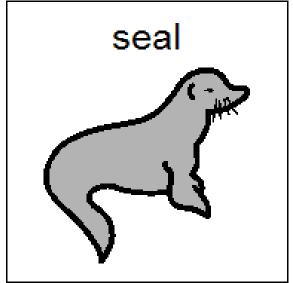


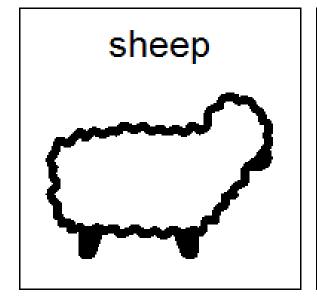
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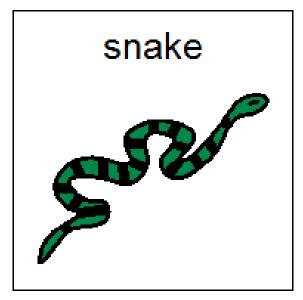


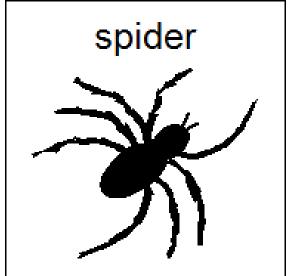


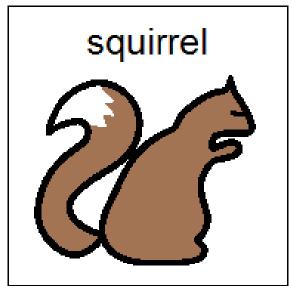


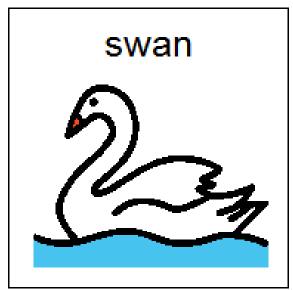


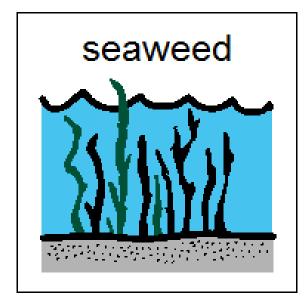
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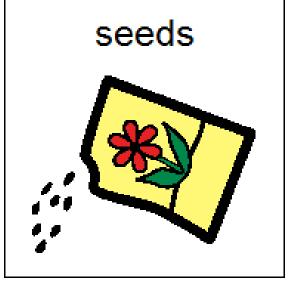






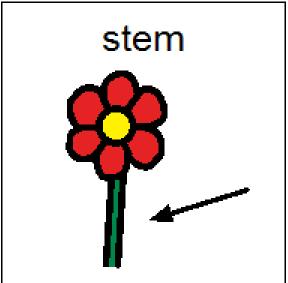


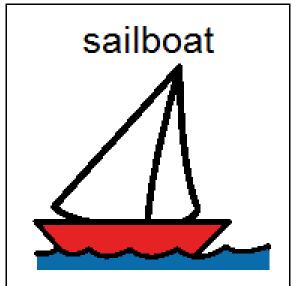




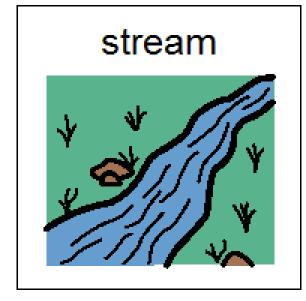
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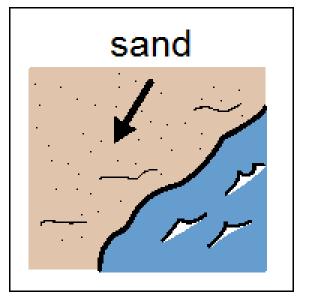




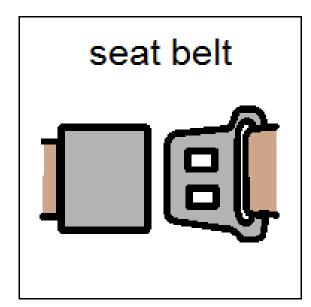


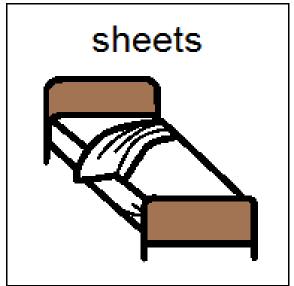


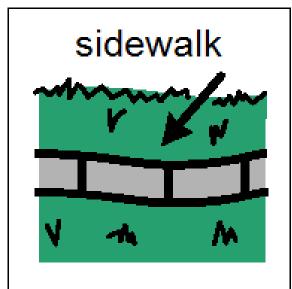


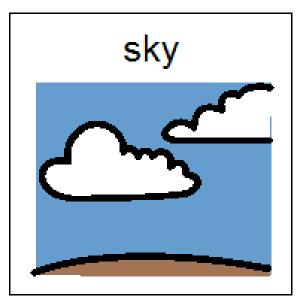


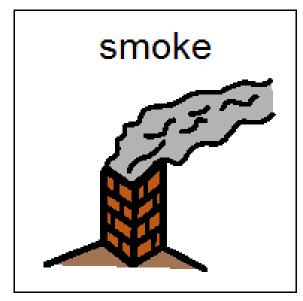
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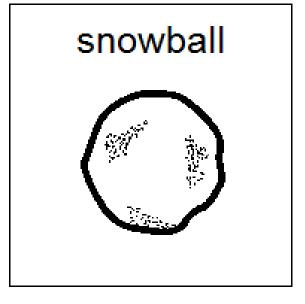




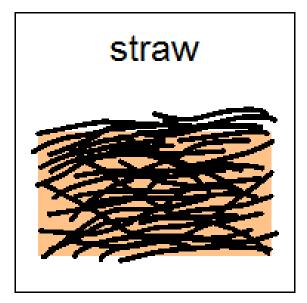


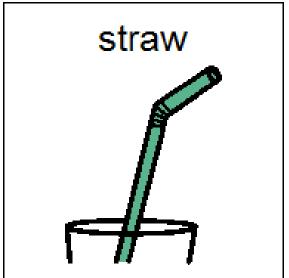


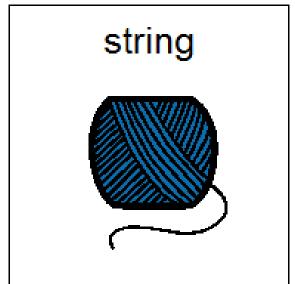


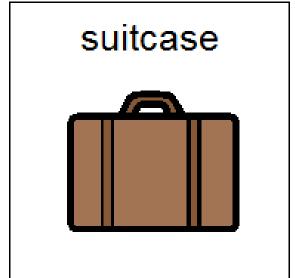


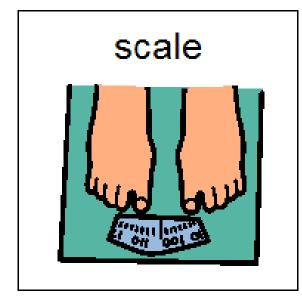
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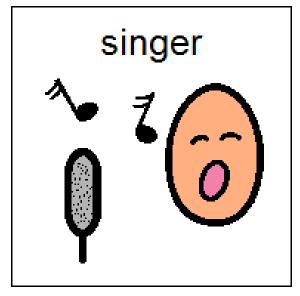


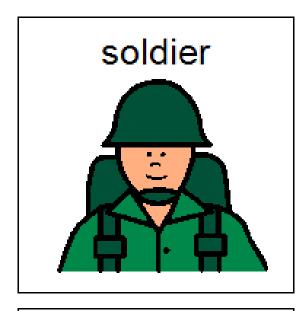


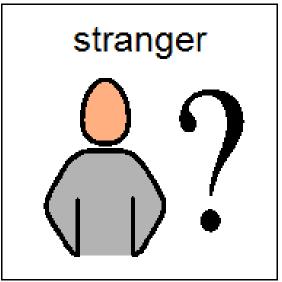






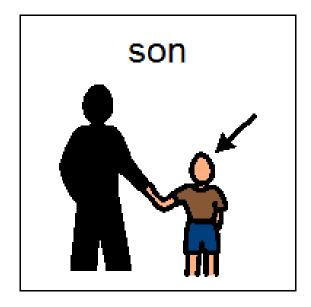














Class Scavenger Hunt

Preparation

- Print out as many copies of the letter card as you think you will need. Laminate for durability.
- Place around the room or area you plan to use for the scavenger hunt, labeling items that start with the letter of the week

Directions

- Have students walk around looking for items that start with the letter of the week
- Once students find the letter label, they should attempt to name the item they have found

Differentiation

- For students that need more structure, give them a piece of poster board with blank spaces to show them how many letter cards they should try to find
- For students still struggling, have pictures of what items they are to find and see if they can match the object that starts with the letter to the picture

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Pick up the Plates



Preparation

- Print out as many copies of the letter cards as you think you will need. Laminate for durability.
- Print out letter of the week pictures and "distracters"
- Attach letters and pictures to inexpensive paper plates

Directions

- Spread the paper plates around the classroom or work area on the floor
 - You can choose to either place them upside down for variation 1 or right side up for variation 2

Variation 1

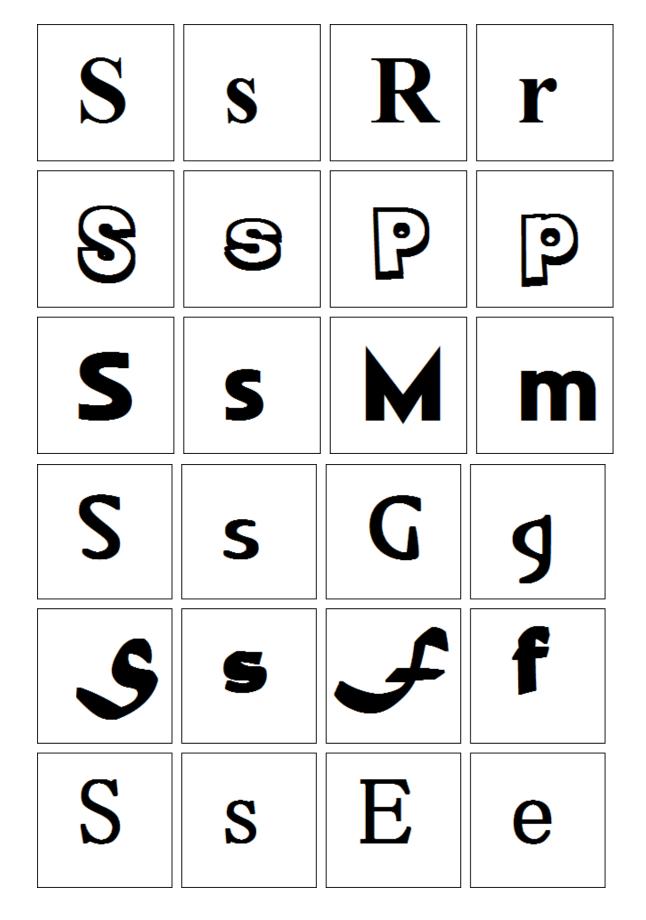
- Students take turn picking up a plate and bringing it back to their seat
- The student gets to keep the plate if it is the letter of the week or a
 picture that begins with the letter of the week
- Whoever has the most plates at the end of the games wins

Variation 2

- Student looks at plates and tries to only pick up one that has the letter of the week or a picture that begins with that sound
- Student gets to keep the plate if correct.
- Whoever has the most plates at the end wins

Differentiation

 For students that need more structure, color code the letter of the week and the pictures that start with that letter the same background color. That way students are looking for a color as a cue to the correct answer.





Sandy Bottle Craft



- This craft is specifically designed for students with severe disabilities to enable them to complete it as independently as possible.
- This craft also addresses the sensory needs many of our students have.
- Collect one water bottle per student
- Give each student a small cup filled with sand
 - Either use a funnel or make one from construction paper to enable students to pour sand into bottle as independently as possible
- Give students some small shells to put in the bottle
 - This is a perfect time to practice those fine motor skills. Most students will want to pour the shells into the bottle if you place them in a small cup. I found if I put the shells on the table, they were forced to pick them up with their fingers and drop them in the bottle.

- If you do not have access to small shells, consider using sequins
- Add glitter
 - Allow students to choose the color of glitter they want to add
- Add water
- TEACHER hot glue lid on bottle



Spider Snacks

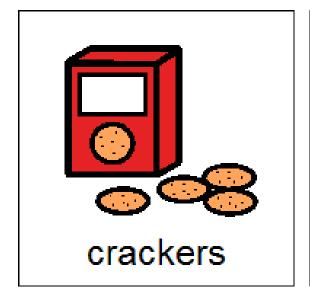
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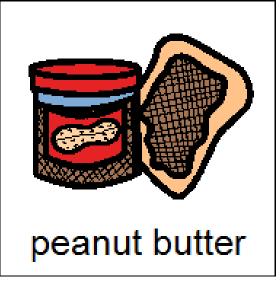
- Print out ingredient labels and affix to ingredients prior to lesson
 - Depending on the learning level of your students you can either pre-measure the ingredients so they are just dumping in what is in the containers, or
 - Allow your students to measure out the correct amount (good for older students especially)
- Review and address any food allergies
- Depending on learning style of your students, either print a class copy of the recipe directions or make a copy for each student
 - For students that are visually overwhelmed, cut apart the recipe and mount each step on a separate index card

Directions

As a class make spider snacks following the recipe

Ingredient Labels









Recipe

1. Get 2 crackers





Spread peanut butter on crackers





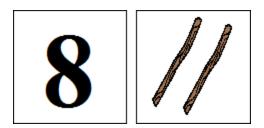
3. Put crackers together



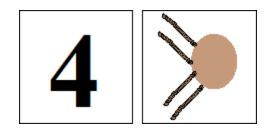


Recipe

4. Get 8 pretzel sticks

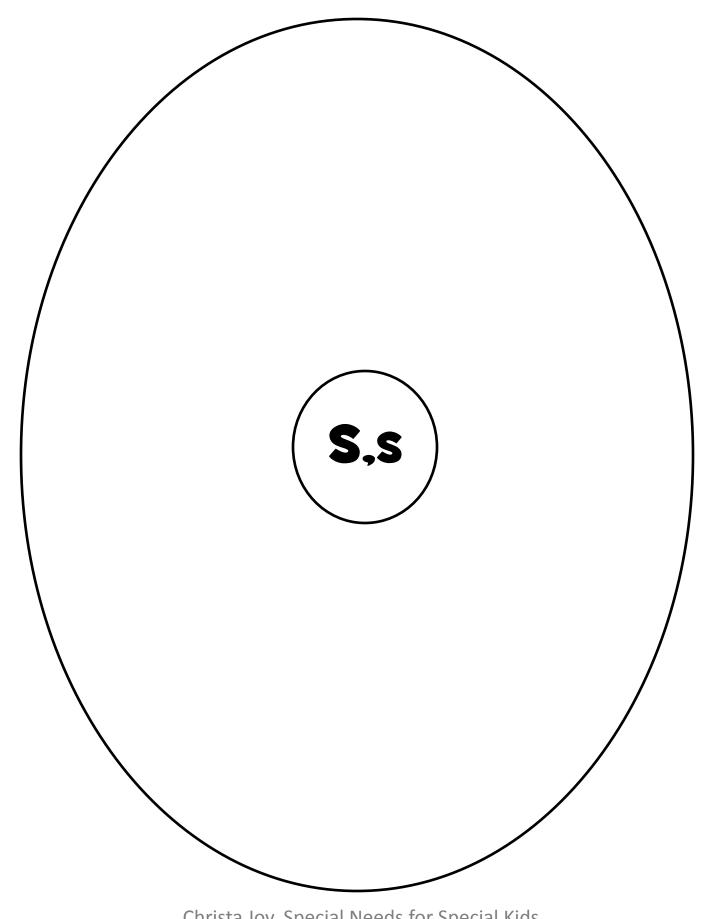


5. Place 4 on each side for legs



6. Place 2 raisins for eyes





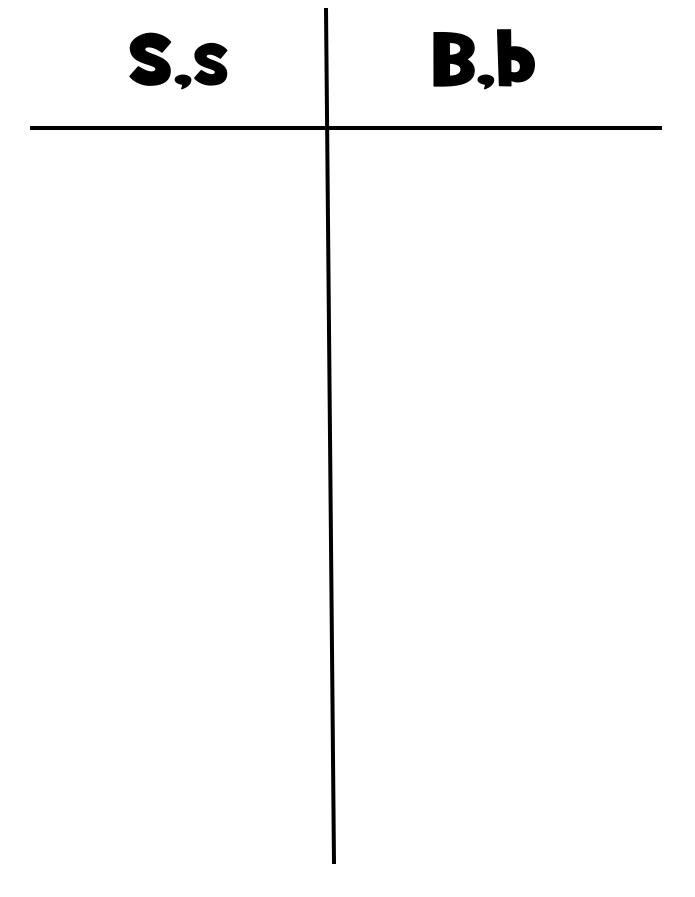
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Cut out pictures below and paste in circle map.

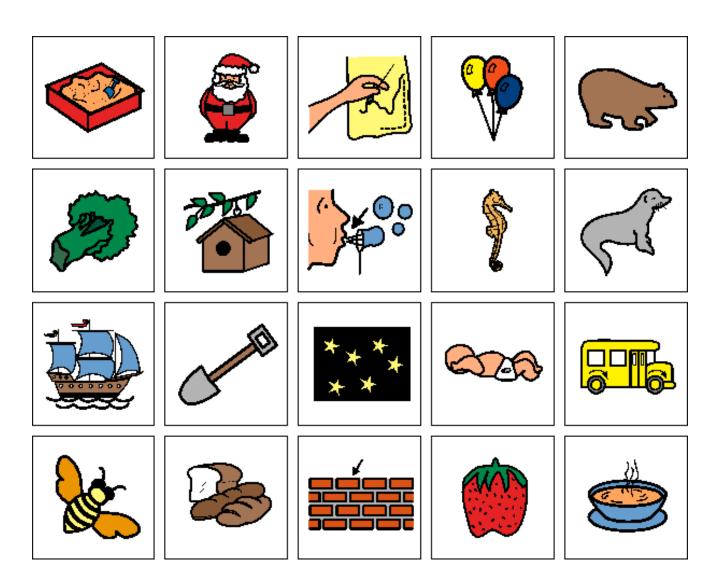


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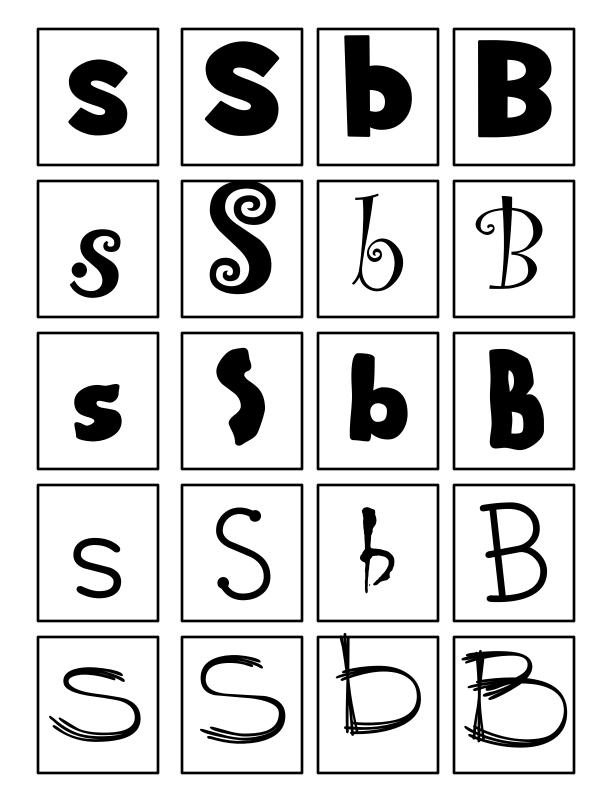
- For students that need more physical structure, rather than use a circle map, I would trace the capital and lower case letter onto construction paper and cut it out.
- Students then glue pictures onto construction paper template rather than circle map.



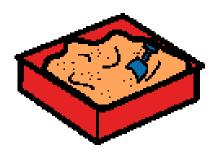
Cut out pictures below and sort.



Cut out the letters below and sort



Letter S collage



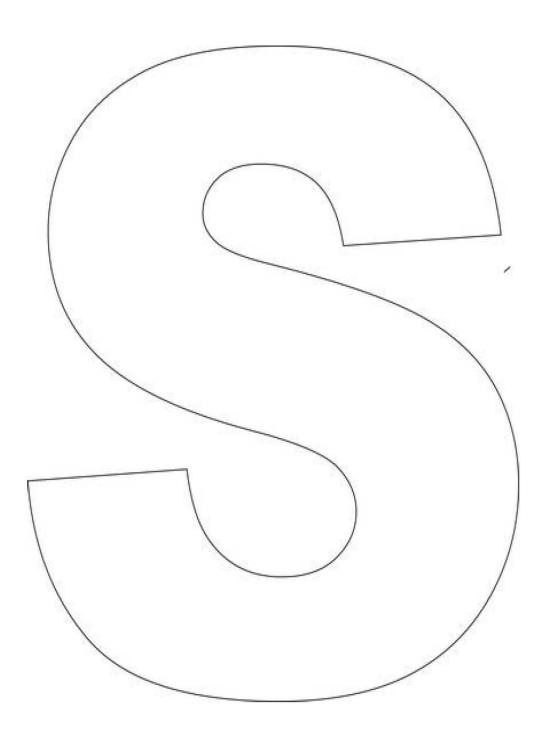
Directions

- Print out one copy per student of the upper case letter template on cardstock
- Cover the interior of the letter with glue
- Give each student a small cup filled with sand
 - Let students spread sand on the glue

Differentiation

- Allow students to paint the glue, filling the interior of the letter template if able
- For students with fine motor challenges,
 poke a hole in the bottom of the cup so
 the sand will slowly come out and they
 move the cup over the glue

Letter template from: kiboomukidssongs.com



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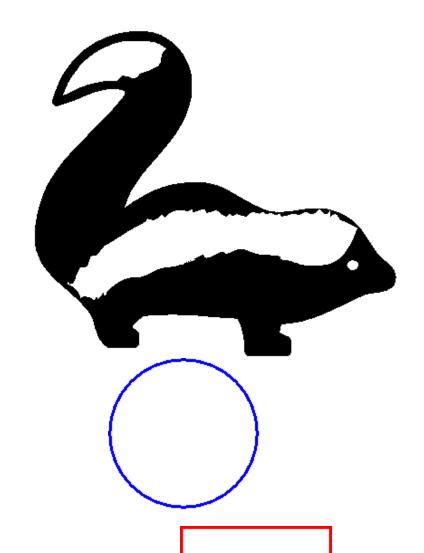
Where is the Letter \$?

Directions

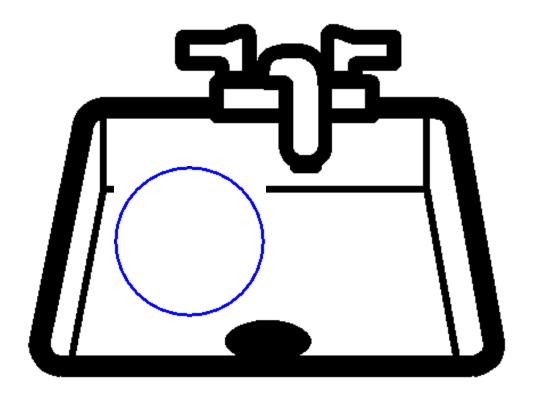
- Have students cut out the letters on page 13.
 - They are purposefully in various fonts so students learn that the letter S can look different. GENERALIZATION!!
- Have students cut out prepositions on page 12.
- Glue correct preposition in square in sentence.
- Choose a letter to paste in the circle on each page.
- Optional: Color each page.
- Once done, staple or bind book together and students can practice reading where the letter S is.

Teacher Option

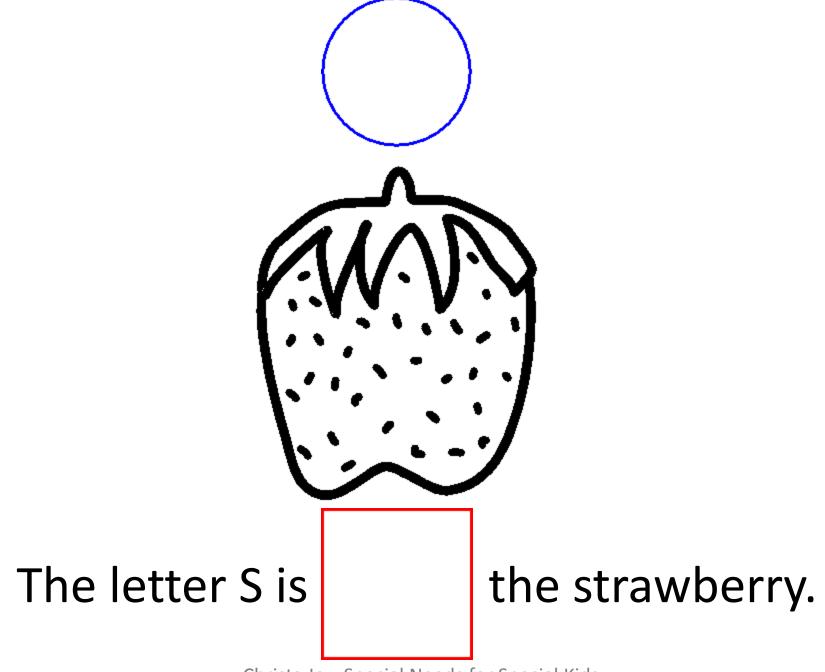
- You can choose to laminate each page and bind into a book.
- Add Velcro to each squares as well as to the pictures of prepositions and letters.
- Mount prepositions and letters on holders for ease of use and storage.
- Great independent task for students to practice prepositions and letter recognition.

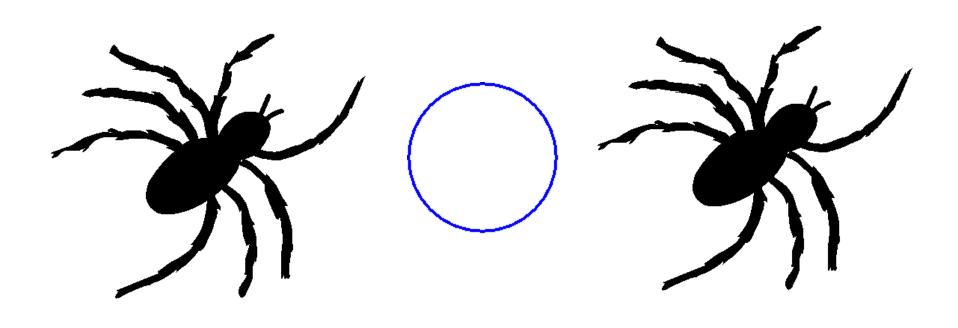


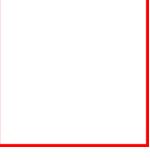
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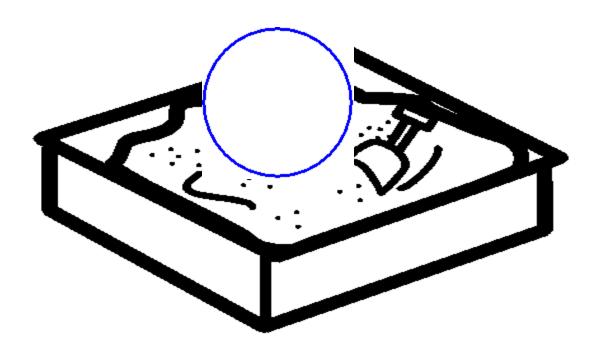
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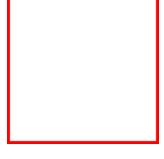




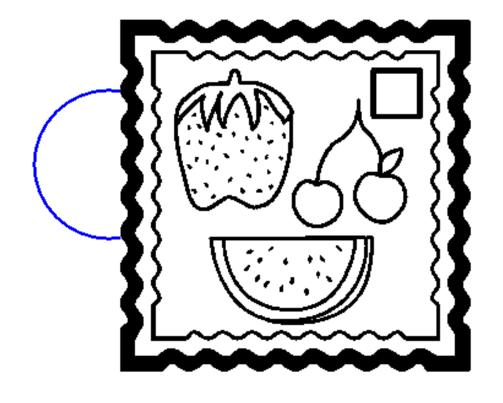


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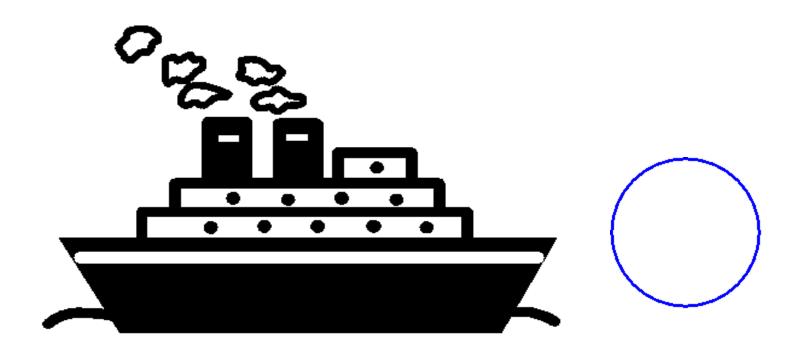


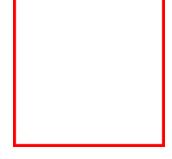
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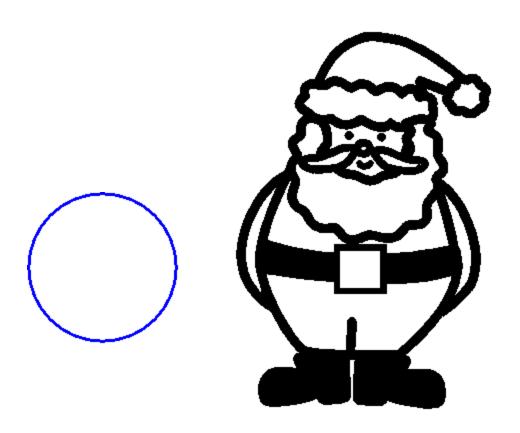


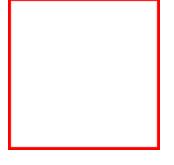
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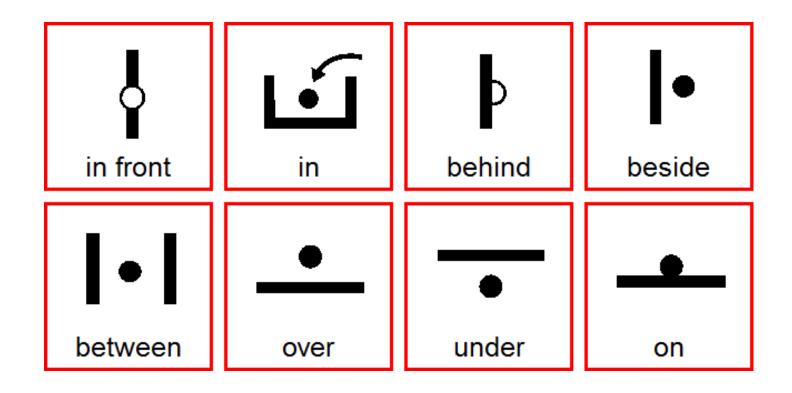
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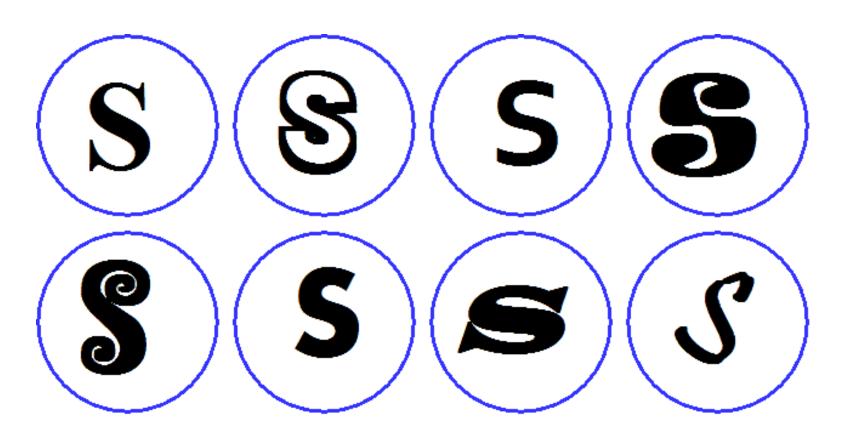


Santa.

Prepositions

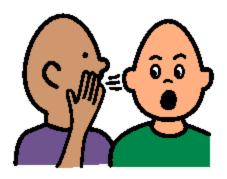


Letters



SECRETS





MANY TIMES FRIENDS TELL EACH OTHER SECRETS.



MOST SECRETS ARE OK TO KEEP AND NOT TELL ANYONE ELSE.



IF A FRIEND TELLS YOU WHAT SHE BOUGHT SUE FOR HER BIRTHDAY, IT IS OK TO KEEP THAT A SECRET.



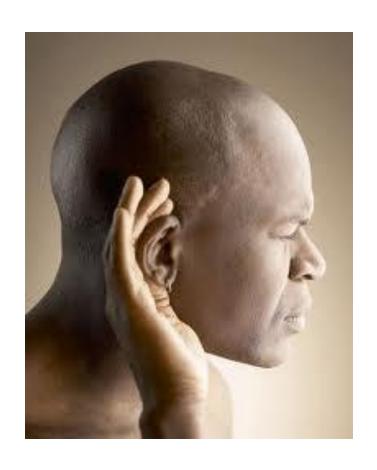
DREAMS ARE OK TO KEEP A SECRET.



PLANS FOR A SURPRISE PARTY ARE OK TO KEEP A SECRET.



WHEN SOMEONE TELLS YOU A SECRET, LISTEN VERY CLOSELY TO THE SECRET.



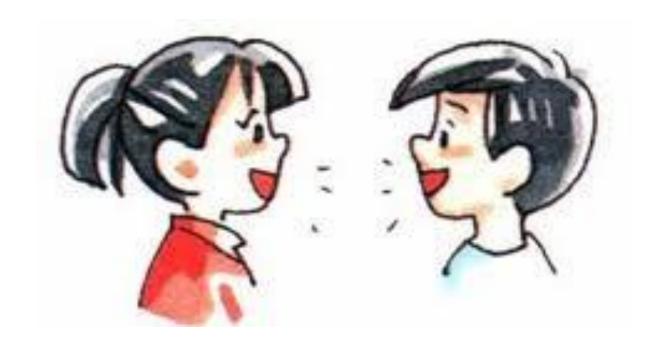
MAKE SURE YOU BOTH KNOW THAT IT IS A SECRET.



TRY TO REMEMBER THAT YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT THE SECRET WITH ANYONE ELSE.



ASK THAT PERSON HOW LONG YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE SECRET.



BE CAREFUL! YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL SOMEONE THE SECRET BY ACCIDENT.



KEEPING A SECRET BUILDS TRUST. IT JUST TAKES PRACTICE.



FINALLY, REMEMBER TO THINK ABOUT IF IT IS A SAFE SECRET TO KEEP. IF NOT, TELL AN ADULT.



SECRETS CAN BE FUN!



OK to keep



NOT OK to keep



Cut out pictures and sort into things that would be ok to keep and not to keep as a secret.



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