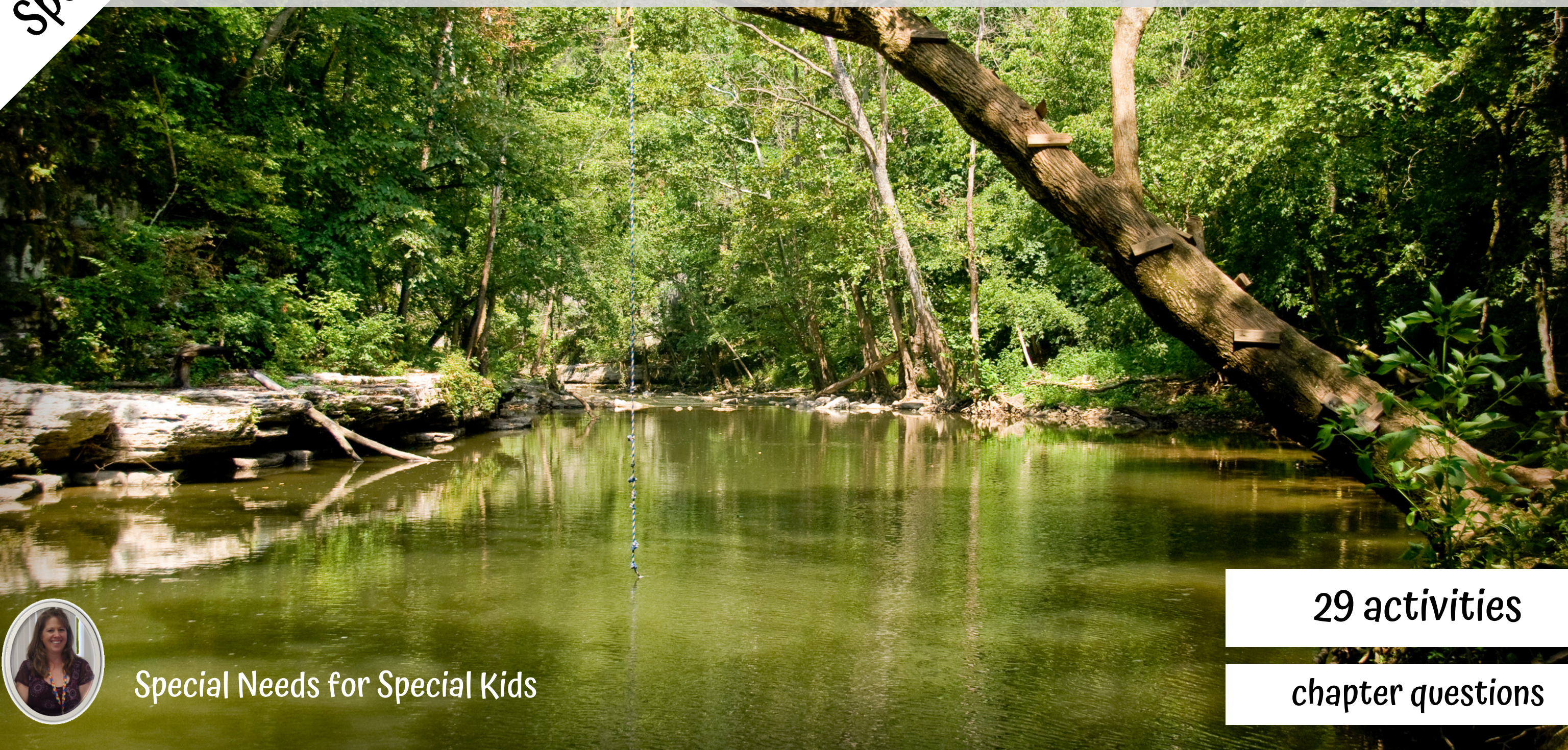


Special Ed

THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA



Special Needs for Special Kids

29 activities

chapter questions

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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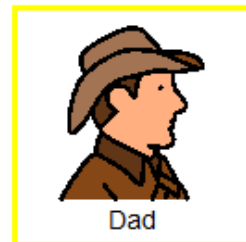
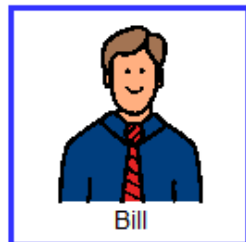
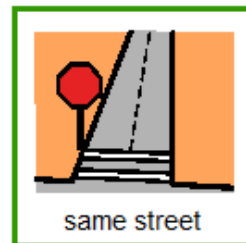
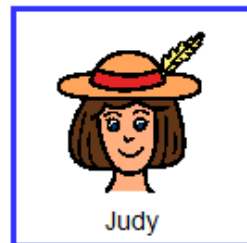
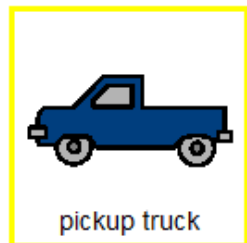
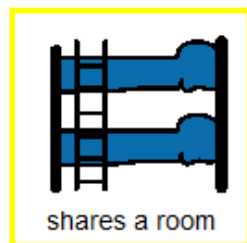
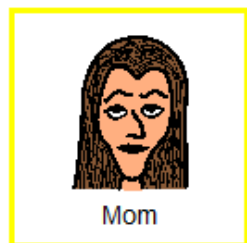
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This novel unit has **29 different activities**. There are one or more activities for each chapter. These activities are **NOT** comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

Jess realizes that his home and Leslie's home are very different in many ways, and alike in a few. Sort the pictures on the next page showing how their homes are different and the same.



For example, Leslie and Jess live in very different homes. Here, students will compare the two homes. There is a color-coded version (shown here) to support students who struggle with comprehension of the story.

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 8) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is such an important life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited their child is being exposed to age appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to 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 in a methodical way.

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.

Bridge to Terabithia Novel Unit for Special Education

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*This entire novel unit
comes in 2 separate files.
One is completely in color
and one is completely in
black and white.*

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!!

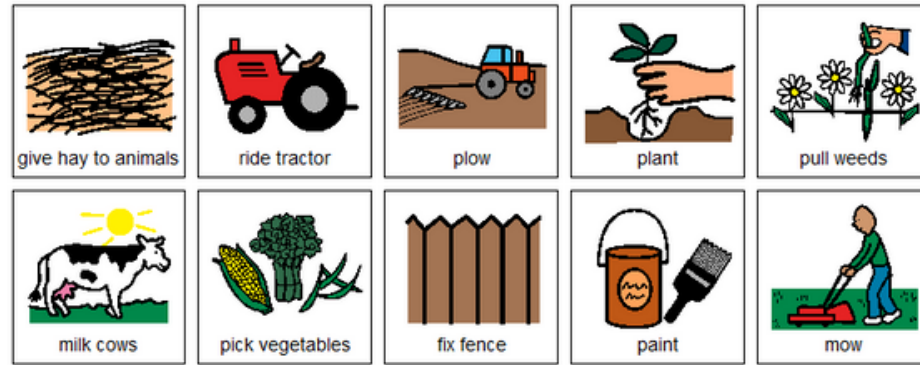


Story Board : _____ and for class discussions. Laminate _____ copy for each student.

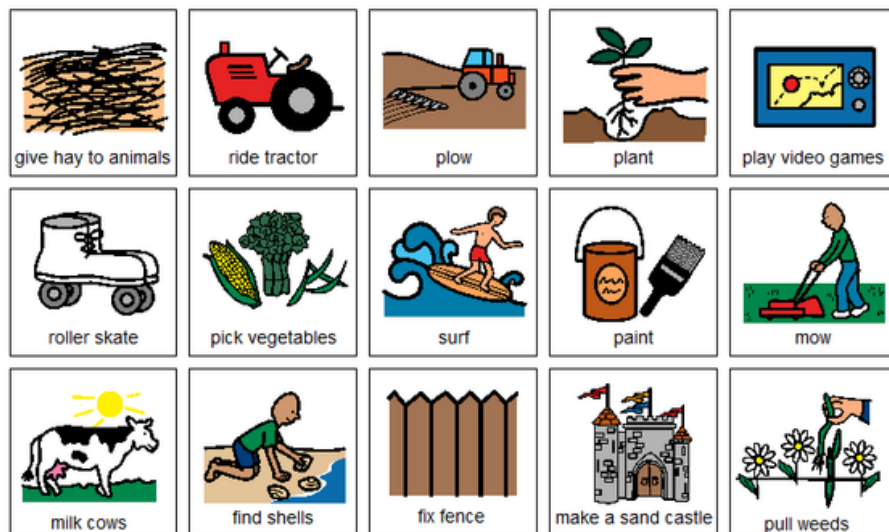
Jess lives on a farm. What are some chores do you think he might have to do, living on a farm?

errorless

Place the following in the circle map on the previous page showing chores Jess might have to do.



Place the following in the circle map on the previous page **ONLY IF** you think they would be chores commonly done on a farm.



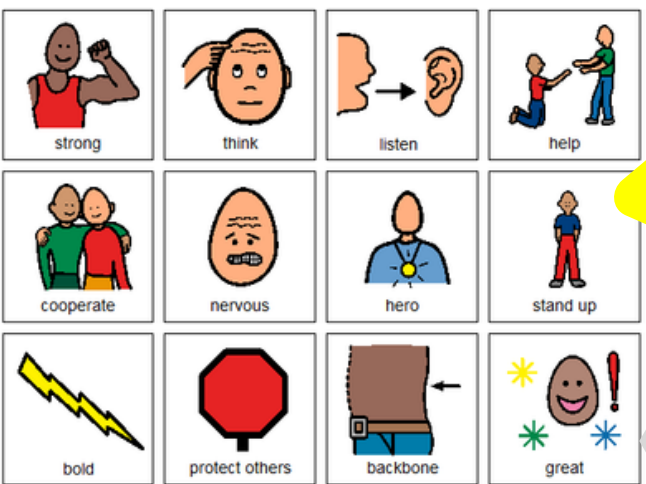
There are circle maps in this unit. Circle maps are a great way for students to see a big idea.

Jess thinks Leslie is brave swinging over the river.
 Complete the circle map below to show what bravery looks like. Remember being brave does NOT mean you are not scared.

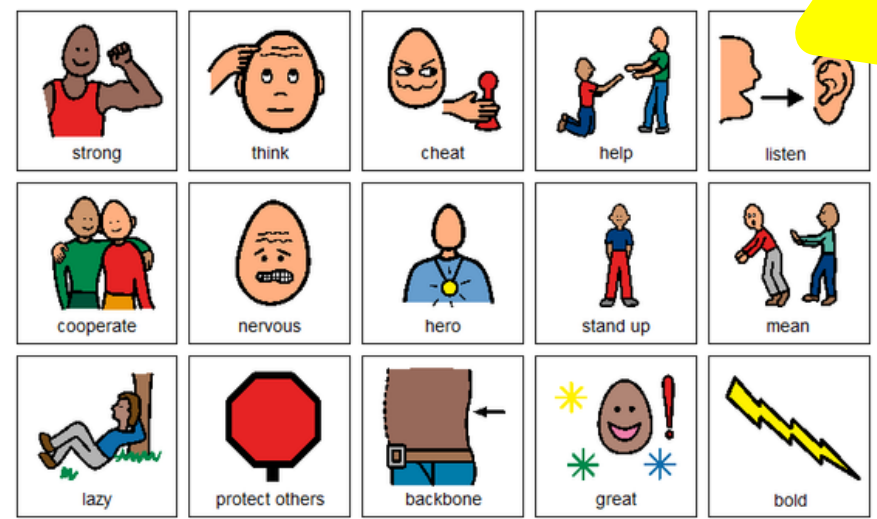


Errorless version

Place the following pictures in the circle map on the previous page to show what being brave looks like.



Place the following pictures in the circle map on the previous page **ONLY IF** it shows what being brave looks like.



Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

An errorless option with only correct answers

An option that has wrong answers mixed in students will need to set aside.

Everyone's church is different. In general, what do you think are some things you should and should not wear to church?




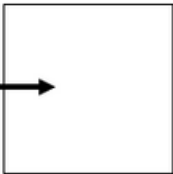

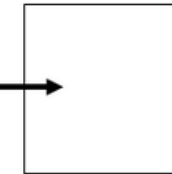

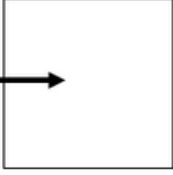

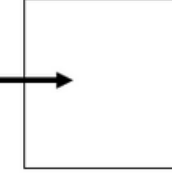

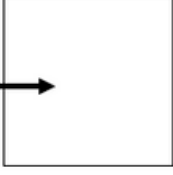

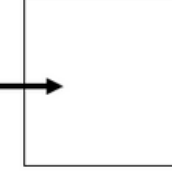

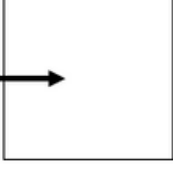

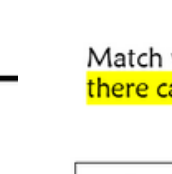
Sort the photos into the correct column on the previous page.

 bathing suit	 suit	 jogging suit	 pants	 masks
 sweater	 tank top	 dress shirt	 dress	 pajamas
 dirty clothes	 goggles	 skirt	 costumes	 jewelry
 sport coat	 party hats	 tie	 shoes	 slippers

There are sorting activities.

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

Janice is not very nice to the other students and even steals May Belle's twinkies. Many would consider her a bully. Look at each action below that a bully may do, and decide what you should do if it happens to you.

 push someone on the playground		 laughs at	
 take things		 cheats	
 say mean things		 steals something	
 send mean texts		 spreads lies	

Match with the actions on the previous page. Sometimes there can be more than one right answer.

 tell a teacher	 walk away	 keep playing	 ignore it
 tell police	 tell your parents	 laugh back	 offer to share

There are matching activities.

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

My favorite hobby

I have a hobby. I love to

I like to do it when I am



My

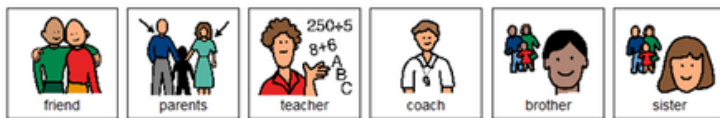
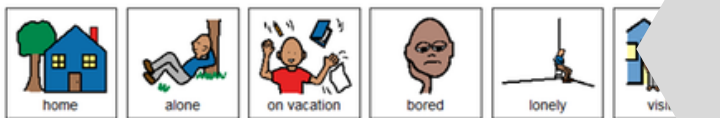
taught me how.



I could spend

doing it.

Would you like to learn? It is



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

Leslie is a really fast runner. Some animals are fast and some are slow. Sort the following into the correct column on the previous page.



What did everyone get for Christmas?

Activity for Christmas gifts. A central Christmas tree is surrounded by boxes for names and gift options.

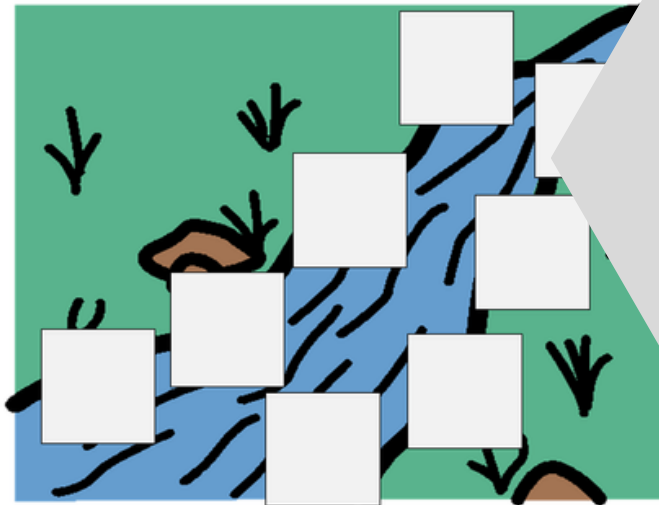
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Sort the following into the correct column on the previous page. If you are not sure, put it on the middle line.

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What are some ways you could cross this creek?



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

CH 1

1. What did Jess do first thing every morning?



2. Jess ran every day so he could win the race where?



3. Everyone complained at breakfast because Jess was what?



4. What did Brenda want money for?



5. What did Jess have to go pick after breakfast?



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CH 4

1. Why did Leslie's family move?



2. What hobby does Leslie write about?



3. What does Leslie's family not own?



4. Where do Jess and Leslie build their secret place, Terabithia?



5. What do Leslie's parents do for a living?



CH 4

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This unit does come with comprehension questions. There are 3 questions for every 2 chapters. Each question has 3 picture choices. They are in color and black and white.

Answer key included!!