

A panoramic view of the Chicago skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with scattered clouds. The city lights are beginning to glow, reflecting on the water in the foreground. The Willis Tower is prominent on the right side of the skyline.

Midwest Region for middle/high school

**For
Special
Ed**

Special Needs for Special Kids





This unit was created with this guy in mind. He has autism and an intellectual disability. He is a non-reader and lives in the northeast, but he is able to do this unit, and enjoys the challenge. He is my tester!!

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This unit contains over 130 pages of material. But, don't worry!! I have included a **12 day lesson plan** to help you make the most of everything packed in this unit.

The Midwest Region

Lesson Plan

Preparation

- Print out a vocabulary board for each student to use throughout unit
 - Laminate or place in page protector
- Book
 - Print out, laminate, and bind
 - OR your students can listen to the pre-recorded version
 - There are also **2 books in this unit**. One is an overview of the United States and one is specifically on the Midwest region.

Preassessment (do day 1 before starting lesson)

- Choose the form of the assessment that best fits the learning level of your students
- Give the assessment to assess what your students may already know
- I cannot emphasize enough how important this step is. If you want to see growth, this preassessment is so important!!

Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding:* this is a really easy way to add more structure to a matching activity. Outline or color in an empty box or sorting label. Outline or color in the corresponding picture symbols the same colors. Becomes a color matching task.
 - a. For more info, read more here:
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2015/09/05/using-color-coding-for-differentiation/>
 - b. I also have a blog post on differentiating one activity 3 ways:
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2018/10/22/differentiating-1-activity-3-ways-easily-and-effectively/>
2. *Make your own copies of the activities:* Every day I review the activity we did yesterday. For that reason:
 - a. I often complete the activity myself and often laminated it for easy review that I could use year after year.
 - b. My copies were also helpful as either a model for students who needed more support or as a way for more advanced students to self-check their work.
3. *Options for Use:* Turn any activity into a reusable file folder activity by

The lesson plans contain:

Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs

Day	Activity	Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Circle map 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Deep dish pizza recipe
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Color in the states 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Student booklet pages
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map 	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Student booklet pages
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Student booklet pages
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Student booklet pages
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment

The lesson plans contain:

A quick look at what you will do each day

Day 3

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read or listen to a recording of the book on the Midwest Region. (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read through the story, asking lots of questions• Continue to make connections between book and vocabulary board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocabulary board
Scavenger Hunt with vocabulary board (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paste the symbols around the room• Students walk around with their vocabulary board looking for matching symbols<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Place a sticky note on their board covering the symbols as they find them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary board cut apart• tape• Vocabulary board
Colored map review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the map of the Midwest states completed yesterday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity complete yesterday
Circle map (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do the first circle map which is an overview of the Midwest regions.• Choose the best version (errorless or not) depending on the learning level of your students• Students cut out symbols and place in circle map• Make connections to the book as necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• worksheet• Scissors• Glue
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student shares their worksheet with the group using the communication method of their choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed activity• Communication devices

The lesson plans contain:

Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run

The United States is a **SYSTEM** that can be broken into 5 major parts or regions.



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What is a REGION?

- A place that has similar characteristics that make it different or unique from surrounding areas

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This unit contains 2 books.

The first is a 19 page overview of the United States

It is included in every one of my geography units.



Many animals have adapted to living in this region that can have severe weather.

Mount Rushmore is located in South Dakota. The faces of 4 presidents are carved into the mountain.



The other book is a 27 page review of the Midwest Region.

Both books come in a pdf version and a recorded powerpoint so you do not have to print it out.

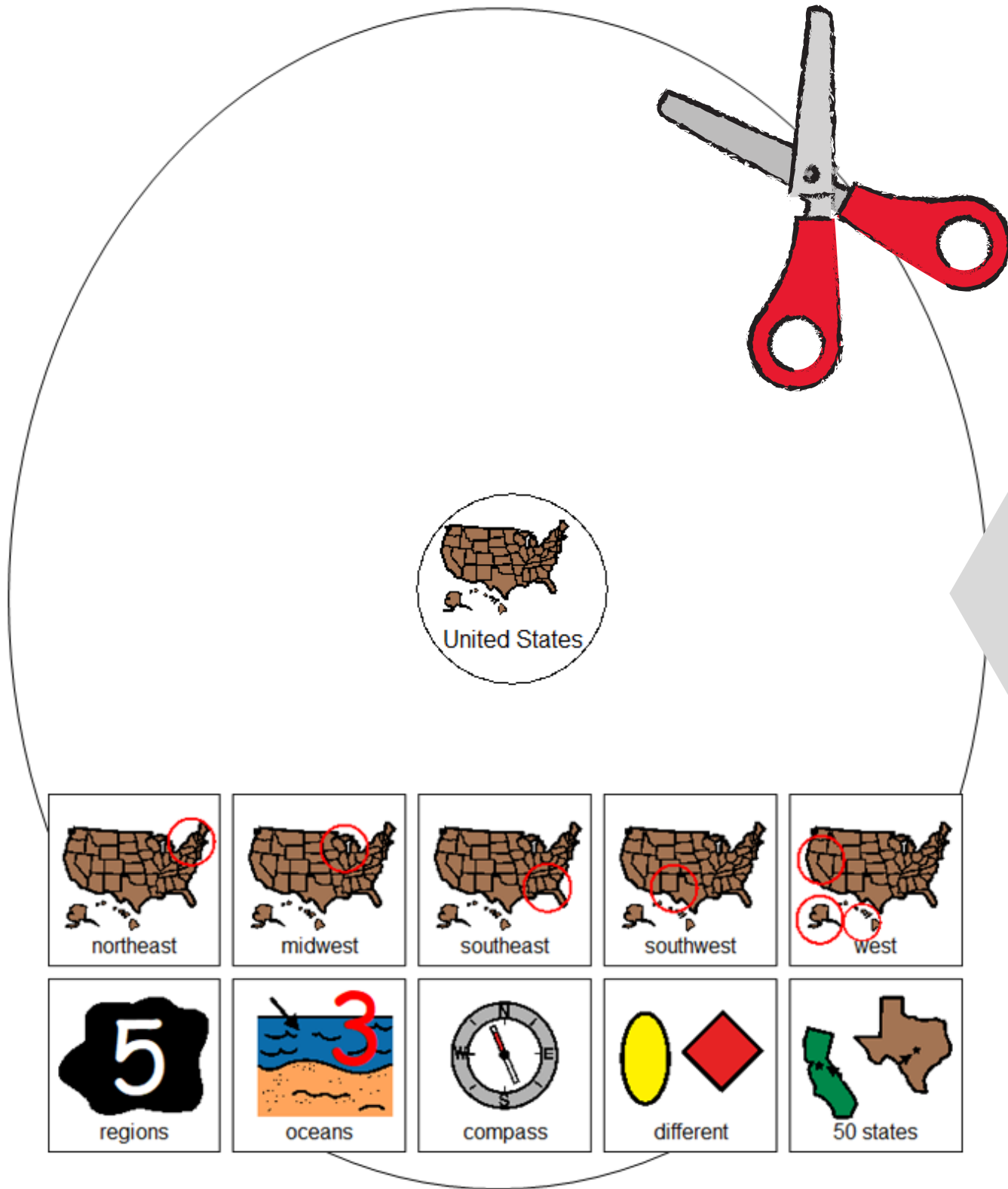


This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

Also in black and white

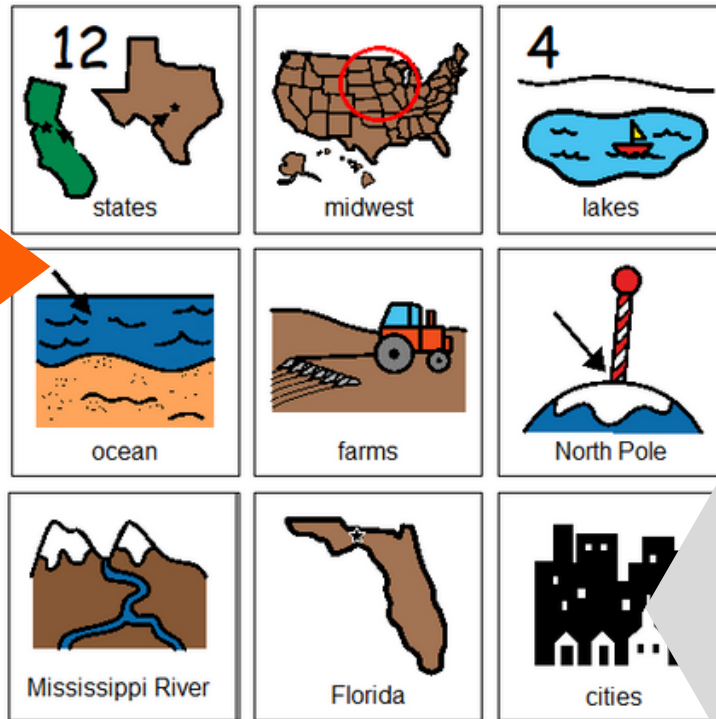


There is a circle map on a general overview of the US.

There are 2 versions. One is errorless and one has wrong answers mixed in students will have to set aside.

Midwest Region

wrong answers
mixed in



There are 4 different
circle maps about the
Midwest region in this
unit.

Each circle map has an
errorless version and one
with wrong answers
mixed in.

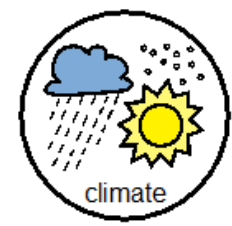


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Midwest Region Climate

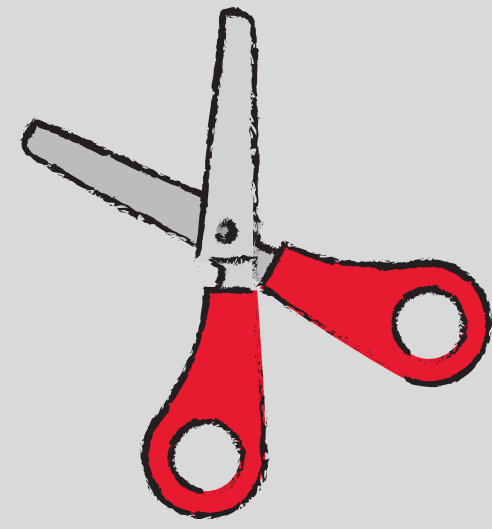
wrong answers
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 snow	 ice	 ice fishing	 rain forest
 tornado	 hot	 tsunami	 snowman

 snow	 ice	 ice fishing
 tornado	 4 seasons	

errorless

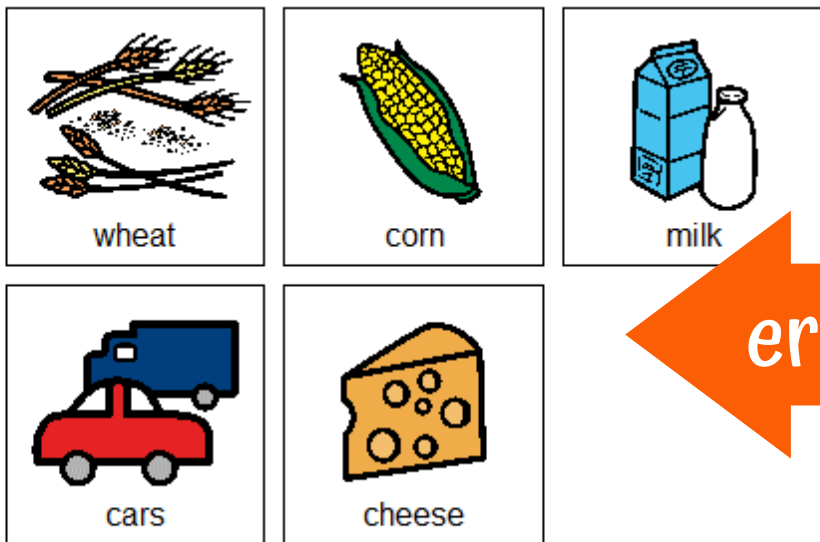
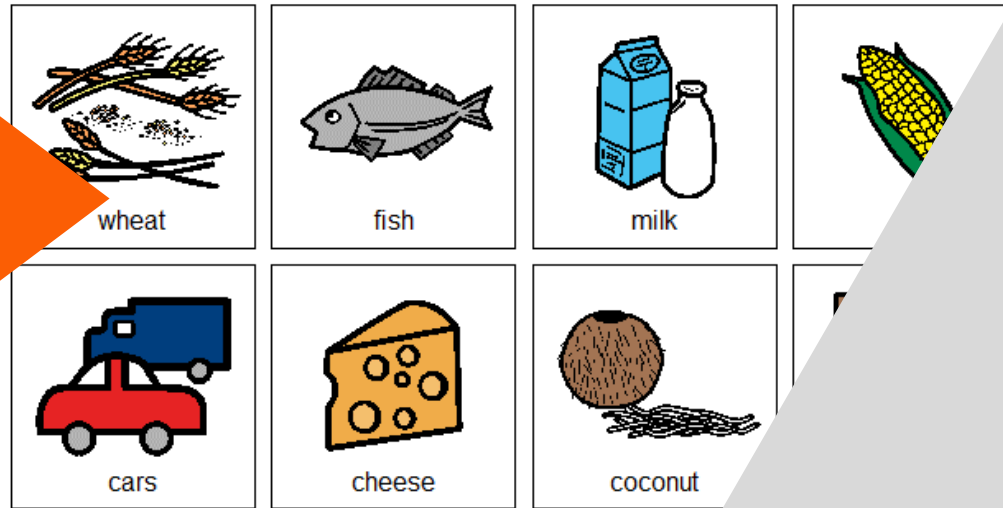


This circle map looks at the climate in the Midwest region.



Midwest Region Natural Resources & Products

wrong answers
mixed in



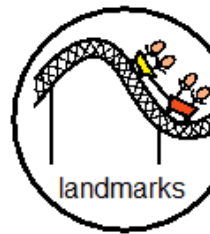
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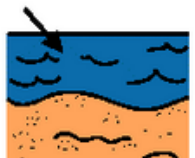


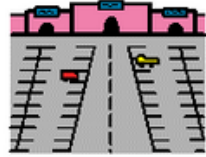



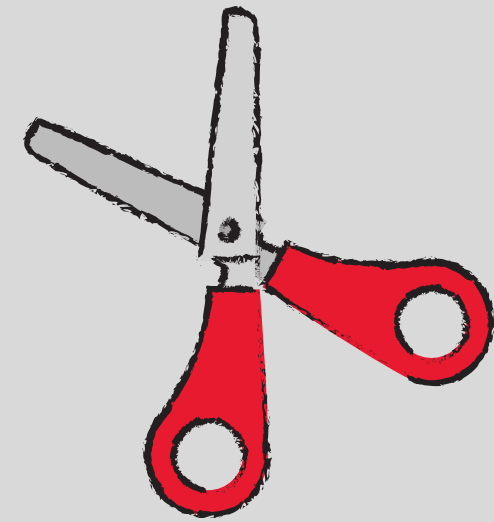
This circle map looks at
natural resources and
products in the Midwest
region.

Midwest Region Culture and Landmarks

wrong answers
mixed in


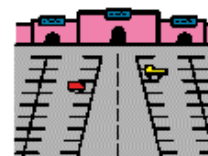







 Chicago, Illinois	 Golden Gate Bridge	 Mt Rushmore	 deep dish pizza
 rock music	 McDonald's	 ocean	 M
 pueblo	 Mall of America	 Wendy's	



This circle map looks at
landmarks in the Midwest
region.

errorless

 Chicago, Illinois	 Mall of America	 Mt Rushmore	 deep dish pizza
 rock music	 McDonald's	 Wendy's	 Motor City

Color in the Midwestern States.



There is a coloring worksheet for student to locate and color in the Midwestern states.

United States of America



There is a differentiated version with the states outlined.

differentiated

Ingredient Labels



pizza crust



spaghetti sauce



shredded cheese



pepperoni



olive oil



parmesan cheese

Recipe



oven

1. Preheat oven to 350



pie plate

2. Grease pie plate with olive oil



pie plate

3. Stretch and put the pizza dough on the pie plate



4. Add cheese



5. Add pepperoni



6. Add sauce



7. Add Parmesan



bake

8. Bake for 25-30 minutes



There is a picture recipe for deep dish pizza.

This is a simple recipe that most students should be able to follow and make on their own.

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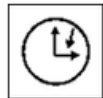
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8. Bake for 25-30 minutes



Layers



There are 2 differentiated versions. One has dashed lines so the recipe can be cut apart.

The other simply shows the layers of the pizza.

The Midwest Region



More Interesting Facts about the Midwest

Detroit is called _____ and is the center of the automobile industry in the United States.

Two types of _____ started in the Midwest:

Rock and Roll and Motown.

The largest _____ is in Minnesota. It even has a roller coaster!



There are 7 fill in the blank worksheets for students to review the material in this unit.

There are picture choices that can be cut apart and glued in the blanks.

Answers students can cut out and paste if n

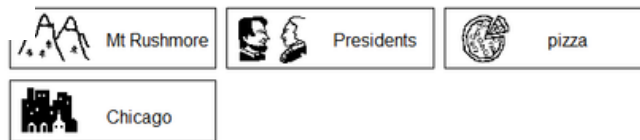
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Interesting Facts about the Midwest

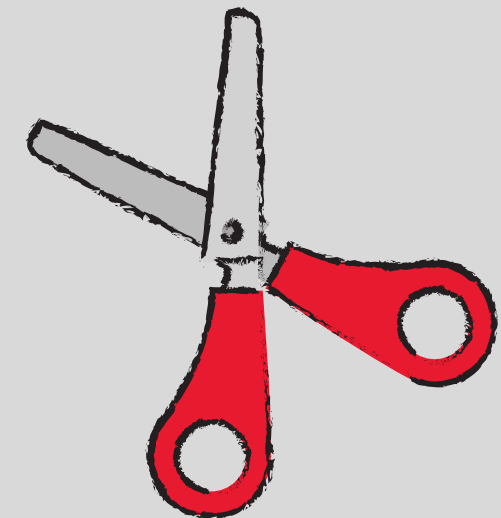
Mt Rushmore is an important landmark in the Midwest.

It has the faces of presidents carved in the mountain.

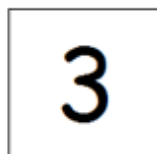
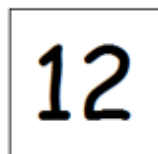
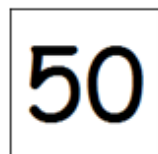
People eat deep dish pizza in the Midwest.

Chicago is the largest city in the Midwest.

One set of worksheets is differentiated with the correct answers in gray that students can match.



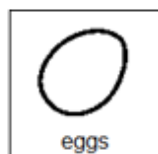
1. The Midwest is made up of how many states?



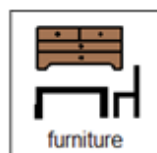
2. The Midwest is called America's Breadbasket because what crop is grown here?



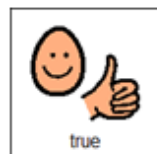
3. Corn is used to feed the dairy cattle. What do we get from these cows?



4. What is the largest product produced in this region?



5. True or False. The winters are long and harsh in the Midwest.



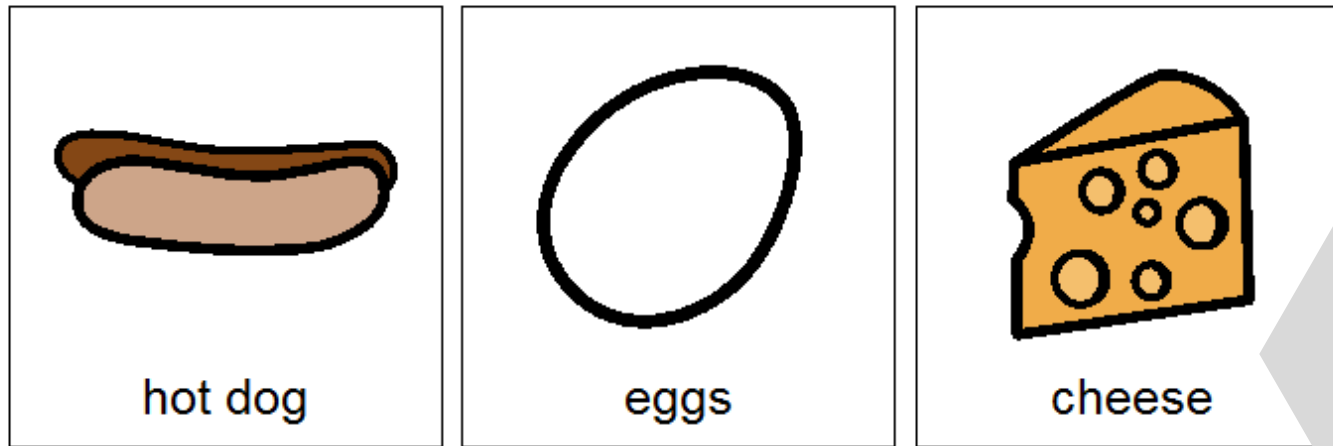
Also in black and white

FINALLY the assessment!! There are 3 versions. This version has 10 questions with 3 picture choices for each question.

Answer key included.

Print onto cardstock or mount on index cards. Cut pictures apart and show student answer choices for each question.

Q 3



Q 4, 9



Also in black and white

With this version, you cut out the answer choices and glue them on index cards. Ask the student the question, and they point to the correct answer.

1. The Midwest is made up of how many states?
 - A. 50
 - B. 12
 - C. 3
2. The Midwest is called America's Breadbasket because what crop is grown here?
 - A. wheat
 - B. fish
 - C. tobacco
3. Corn is used to feed the dairy cattle. What do we get from these cows?
 - A. hot dogs
 - B. eggs
 - C. cheese
4. What is the largest product produced in this region?
 - A. clothes
 - B. cars
 - C. furniture
5. True or False. The winters are long and harsh in the Midwest.
 - A. true
 - B. false
 - C. I don't know
6. What type of weather could you see in the spring or summer?
 - A. snow
 - B. ice
 - C. tornados

This is your traditional multiple choice version. It can also be used as a recording sheet if your students are using the version with index cards.



I realize there will be some students out there unable to do cutting activities. I have a blog post with ways to complete activities without a pair of scissors!!

[Click Here to read more!!](#)