

# Frindle



**20 activities**

**chapter  
questions**



**Special Needs for Special Kids**



These novel units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. They were the best thing I ever did, and my students LOVED them.

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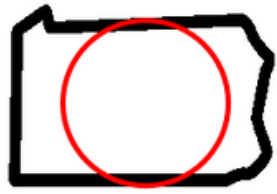
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This novel unit has **20 different activities**. These activities are **NOT** comprehension-based. So, even if your students do not pay attention, they can still complete the activity.

Westfield is now known as "Home of the original Frindle." Here are some more famous landmarks.



Philadelphia is Home of the Liberty Bell.



New York is Home of the Statue of Liberty.



Nevada is Home of the Hoover Dam.



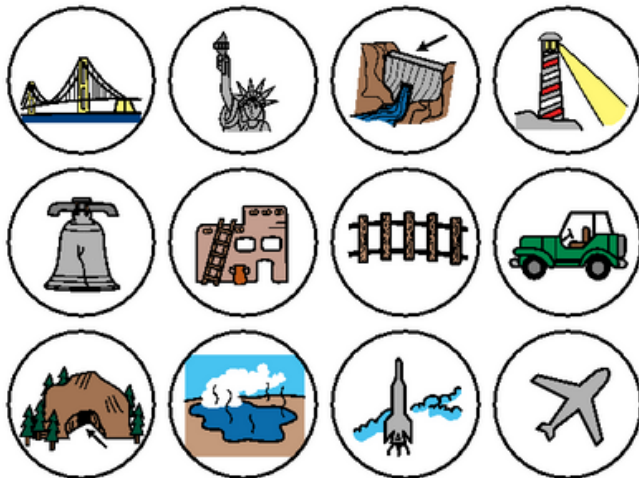
California is Home of the Golden Gate Bridge.



Texas is Home of the Alamo.



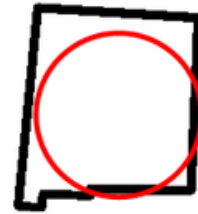
Michigan is Home of the Spirit of St. Louis.



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Maine is Home of the Cape May Lighthouse.



New Mexico is Home of Carlsbad Caverns.



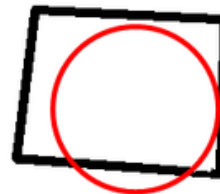
North Carolina is Home of the Wrights Brothers.



Oregon is Home of the Mount Hood Railroad.



Tennessee is Home of the Grand Ole Opry.



Wyoming is Home of Yellowstone National Park.

For example, students will match the famous landmark with each state.

# Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Frindle* by Andrew Clements.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1-2 chapters per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 7) 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. For students who need more structure, place the number of post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- You will find activity for most chapters. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit best with your students.
- Differentiation:
  - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower level learners by using a color coding technique.
  - If sorting, outline each sorting category a certain color and then outline the corresponding pictures the same color.
  - Becomes a matching task.
- There are comprehension questions to accompany this unit. There are 3 questions for every chapter with 3 picture answer choices. You will find these (in color and BW) in a separate file.

Suggestions on how I found this activity worked best in my classroom are provided. I typically had 6-8 students with one adult assistant in the room with me.

Color version

# Frindle Novel Unit for Special Education

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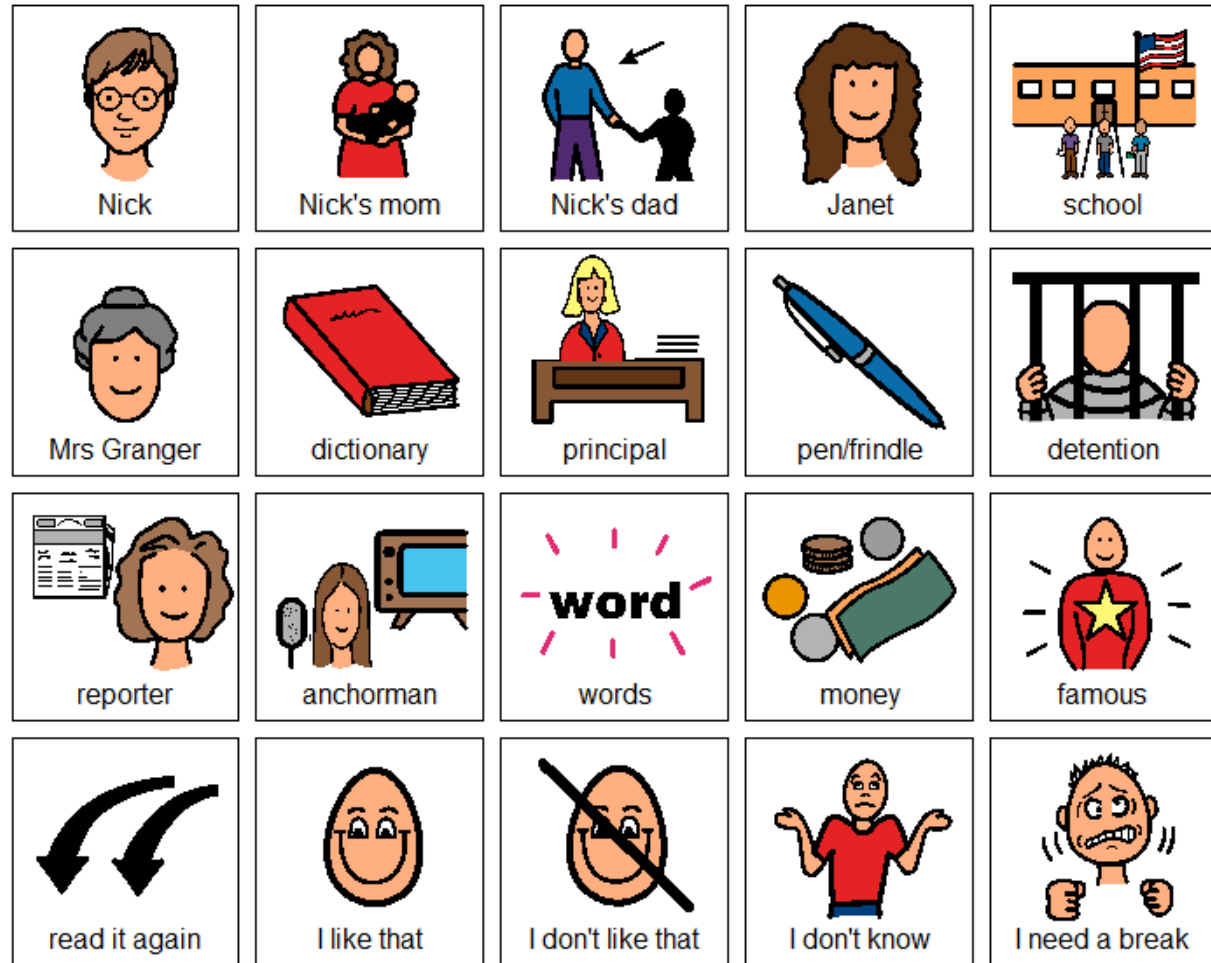


*This entire novel unit  
comes in 2 separate files.  
One is completely in color  
and one is completely in  
black and white.*

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 : to use while reading and for class discussions. Laminate and make 1 copy for each student.



Place the pictures in the circle map on the previous page showing things we learn about Mrs. Granger.



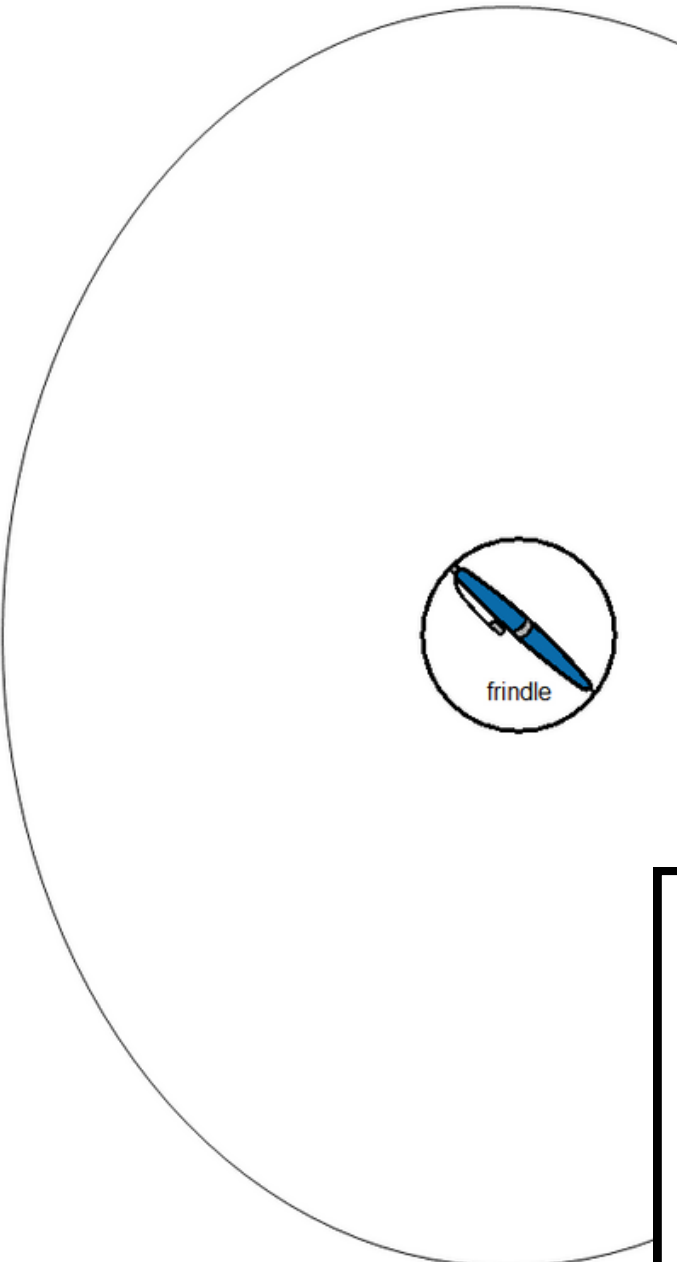
Place the pictures in the circle map on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are true about Mrs. Granger.



There are circle maps in this unit.


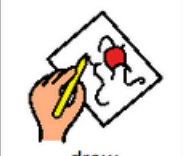

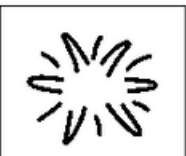
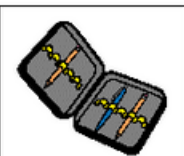

Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.



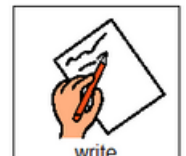



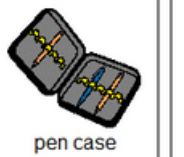

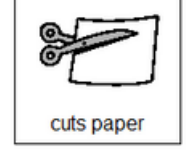
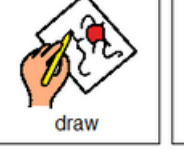



errorless

Place the pictures in the circle map on the previous page showing things about frindle.

 write	 draw	 many colors
 clicks	 pen case	 pen & paper

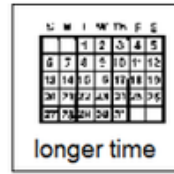
Place the pictures in the circle map **ONLY IF** they show things about a frindle.

 write	 huge	 many colors
 clicks	 pen case	 pen & paper
 cuts paper	 draw	 eat it


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.



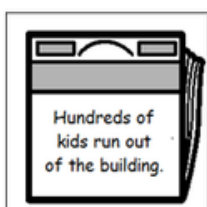
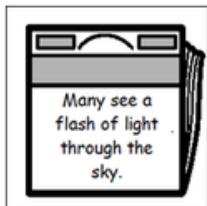
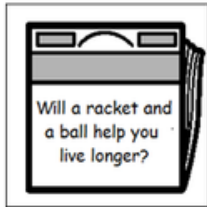
Cut out pictures below and sort into correct column on previous page depending on how you think it would take. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.

 drink a glass of water	 eat lunch	 nap	 wash face
 finish puzzle	 bus ride to school	 eat a cookie	 empty trash
 watch a commercial	 take a bath	 color a picture	 basketball game

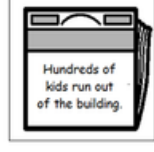
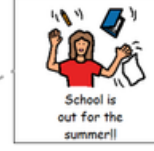
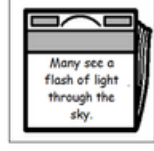
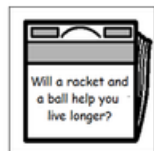
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Directions on how to add differentiation are included.

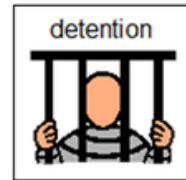
A newspaper headline often gives you a clue about what the story might be about while being interesting enough to make people want to read the article. What do you think the following headlines mean? Draw a line from the headline to the best picture.



A newspaper headline often gives you a clue about what the story might be about while being interesting enough to make people want to read the article. What do you think the following headlines mean? Trace the line from the headline to the best picture.



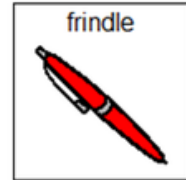
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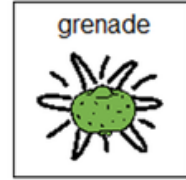
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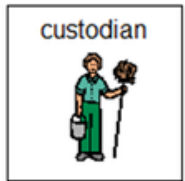
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Matching choices for previous pages. Two levels: pictures and word definitions.

Used to set the temperature	Act of saying you are sorry	words
Destroying or taking property	Newspaper or official journal	Person whose job it is to clean the school
Person whose job it is to teach students	Place where people (students) go to learn	Object you use to write with
Word made up by Nick that means "pen"	Book that contains words and definitions	Hand-held bomb used in war. Can also mean something that makes a big impact.
Stage or place an important presentation is shown	Person on the TV who delivers the news	Used to protect something that a person invents
Large and rowdy noise made by a group	Written agreement signed by people	Very large car used for important events
Having to stay after	Full or bad character	

Matching choices for previous pages. Two levels: pictures and word definitions.


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There is a dictionary included with either pictures or word definitions to complet.

# Frindle Dictionary



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Match the answer to each why question.









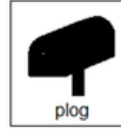
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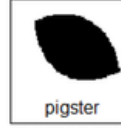
Match the picture with the shadow that depicts the new word.














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Level 1 & 2

Match with the new words.



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

1. What did Nick turn the classroom into?



tropical island



North Pole

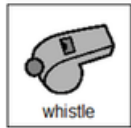


desert

2. What sound would Nick make?



bark



whistle

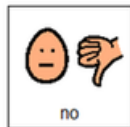


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3. Did Mrs. Avery ever figure out where the sound was coming from?



yes



no



I don't know

1. Where would Mrs. Granger make students put their gum?



forehead



index card



trash can

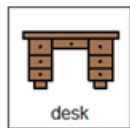
2. Where would Mrs. Granger make students put index card?



on your shirt



backpack



desk

3. What does Mrs. Granger love?



dinosaurs



gum



dictionary

This unit does come with comprehension questions.

There are 3 questions for every chapter. Each question has 3 picture choices. They are in color and black and white.

Answer key included!!