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Special Needs for Special Kids



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

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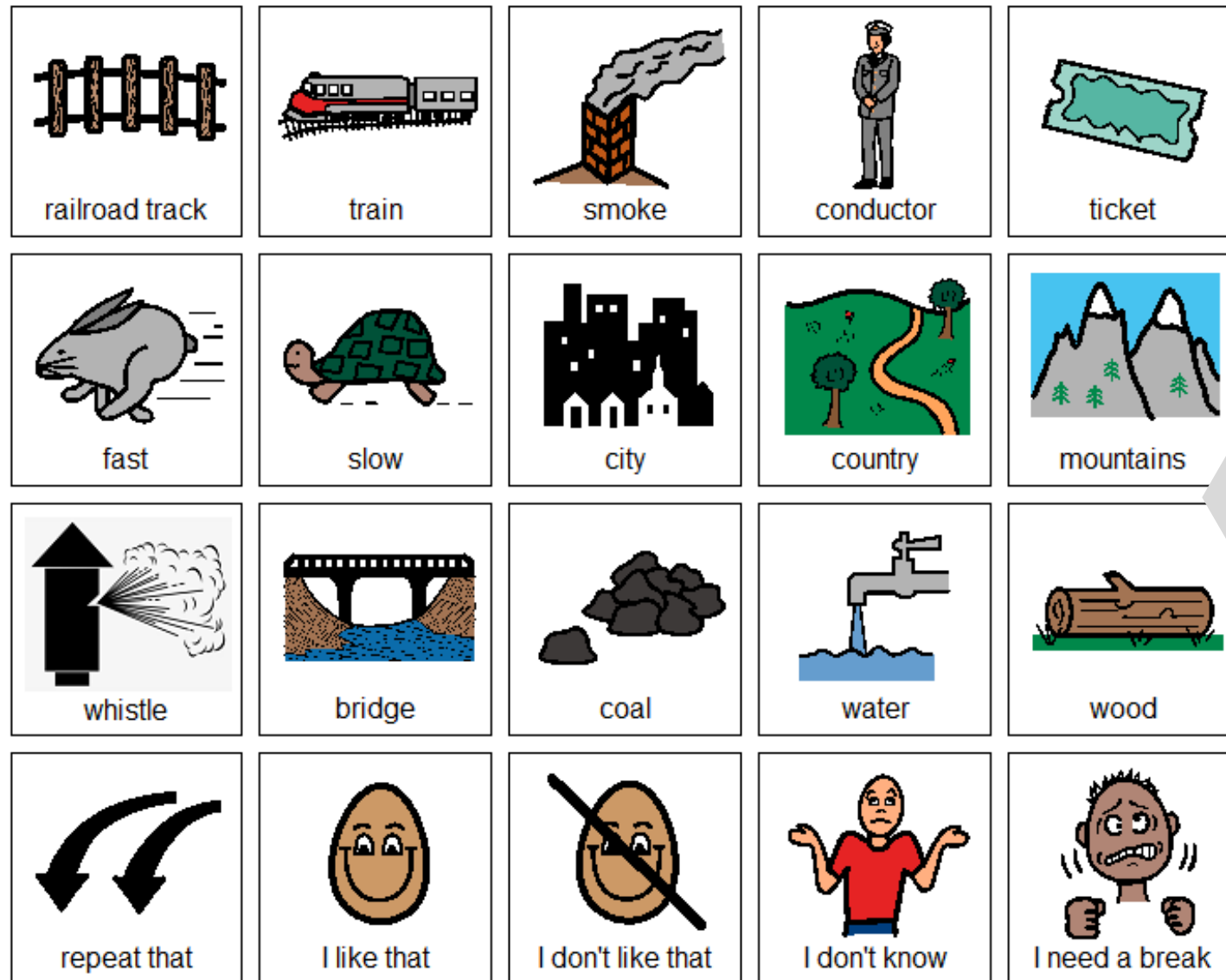
In a separate file, there are directions and links to digital versions of these activities.

This unit has **34 pages plus 14 google slides.**
There are 6 activities to go with this book as well as a storyboard to use for group discussions.

This unit comes with a storyboard.

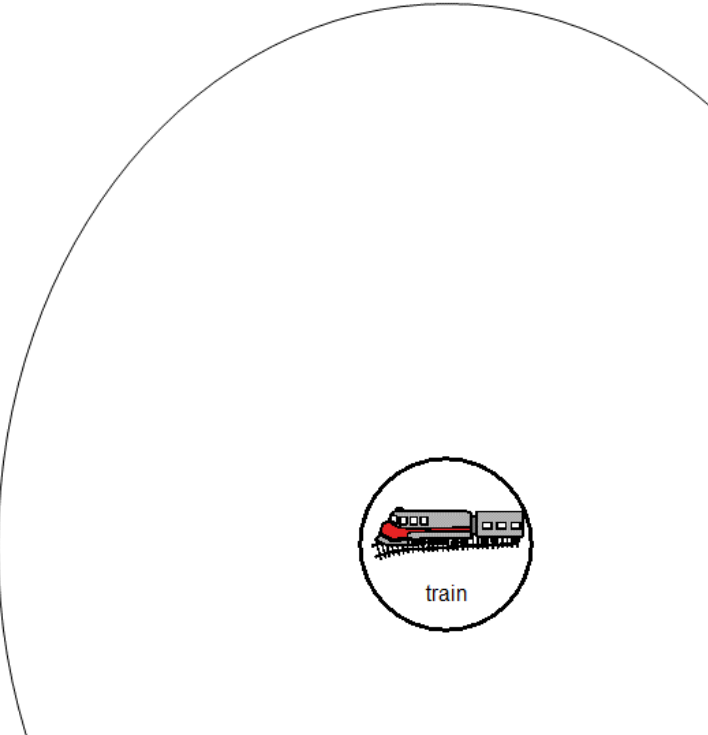
Storyboards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.








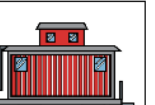


Tips on how to use in the unit!!



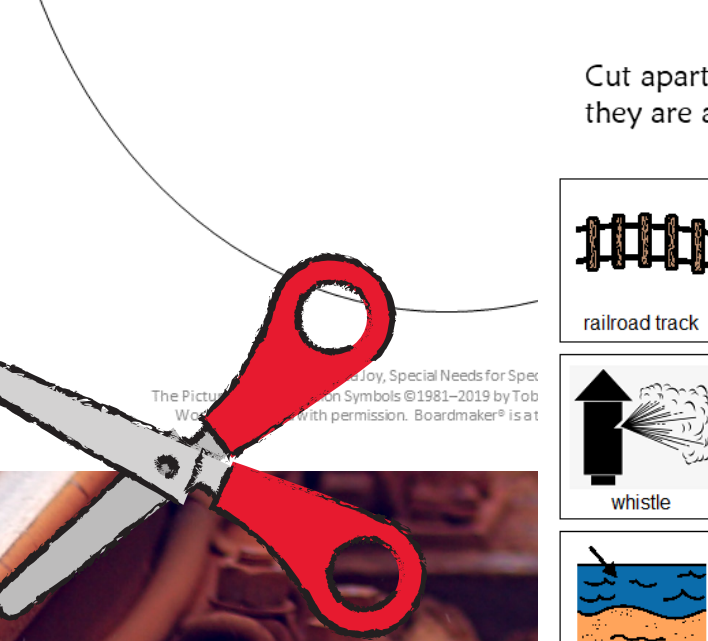
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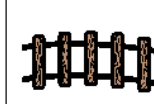

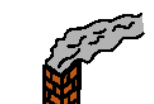









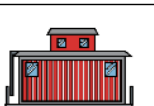


Cut apart pictures and place in circle map about showing things about trains.



 railroad track	 engineer	 smoke	 conductor	 ticket
 whistle	 coal	 caboose	 train station	 engine

Cut apart pictures and place in circle map **ONLY IF** you think they are about trains.



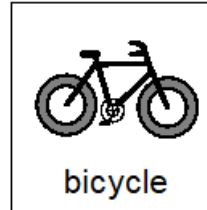
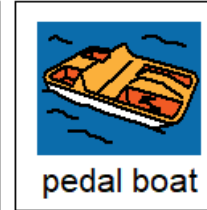
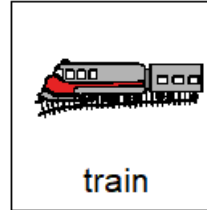
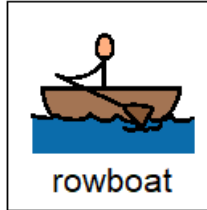
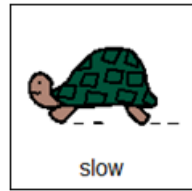
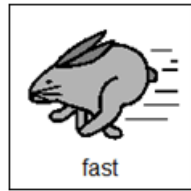
 railroad track	 airport	 smoke	 conductor	 ticket
 whistle	 coal	 pilot	 train station	 ship
 ocean	 engineer	 caboose	 fly	 engine

There is a circle map. It comes with 2 choices:

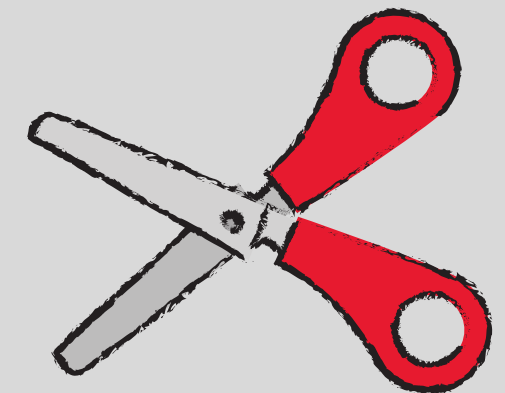
An errorless option with only correct answers

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

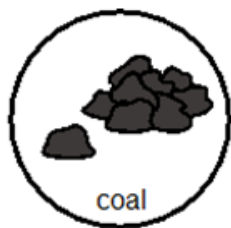
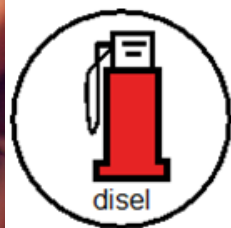
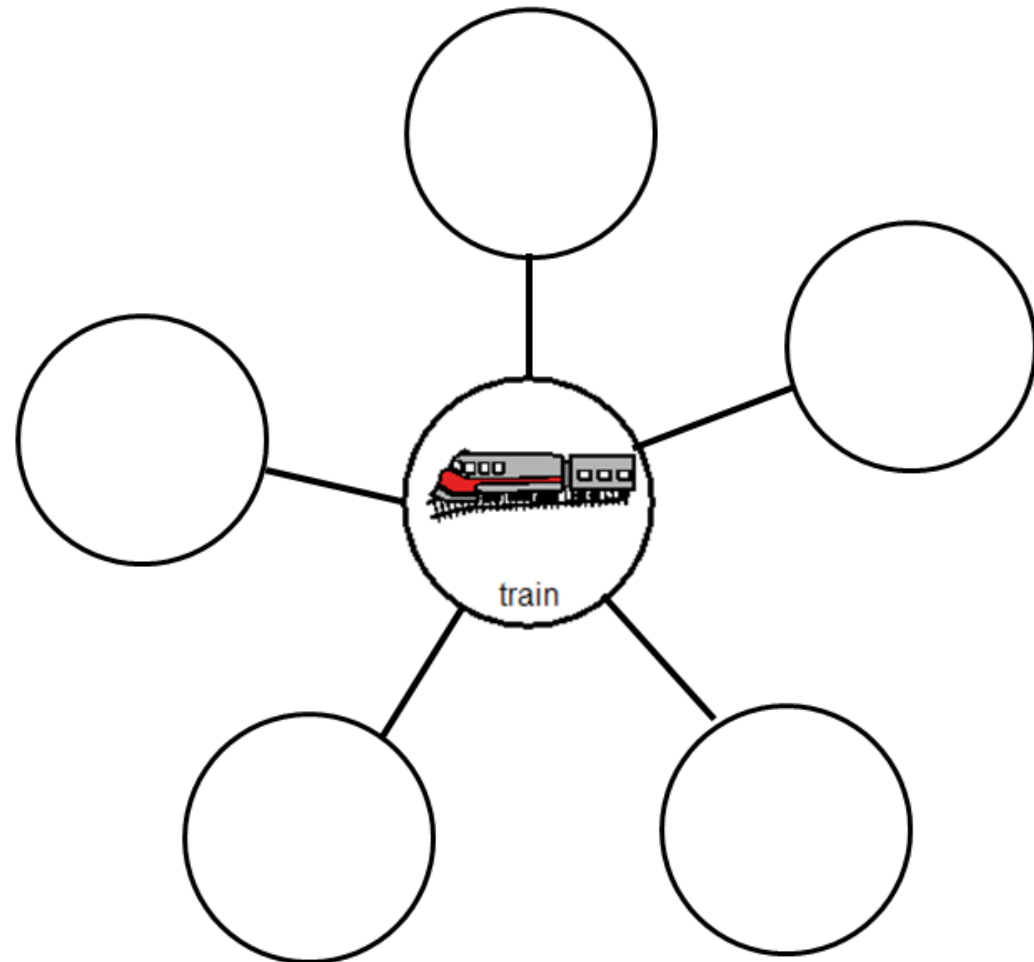




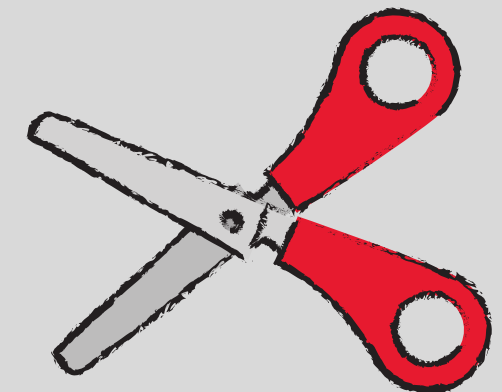
There is a sorting activity about transportation that goes fast vs slow.









What types of fuel do trains use?





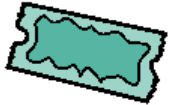
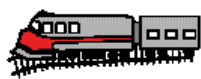


There is a thinking map looking at different types of fuel trains use now and in the past.



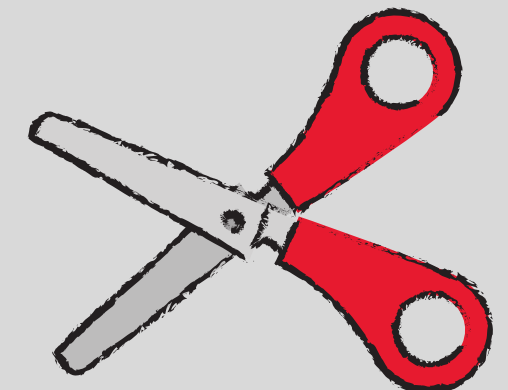
Match the job each person has on the train.

 engineer	<input type="text"/>	 conductor	<input type="text"/>
 brakeman	<input type="text"/>	 fireman	<input type="text"/>
 switchman	<input type="text"/>	 passenger	<input type="text"/>

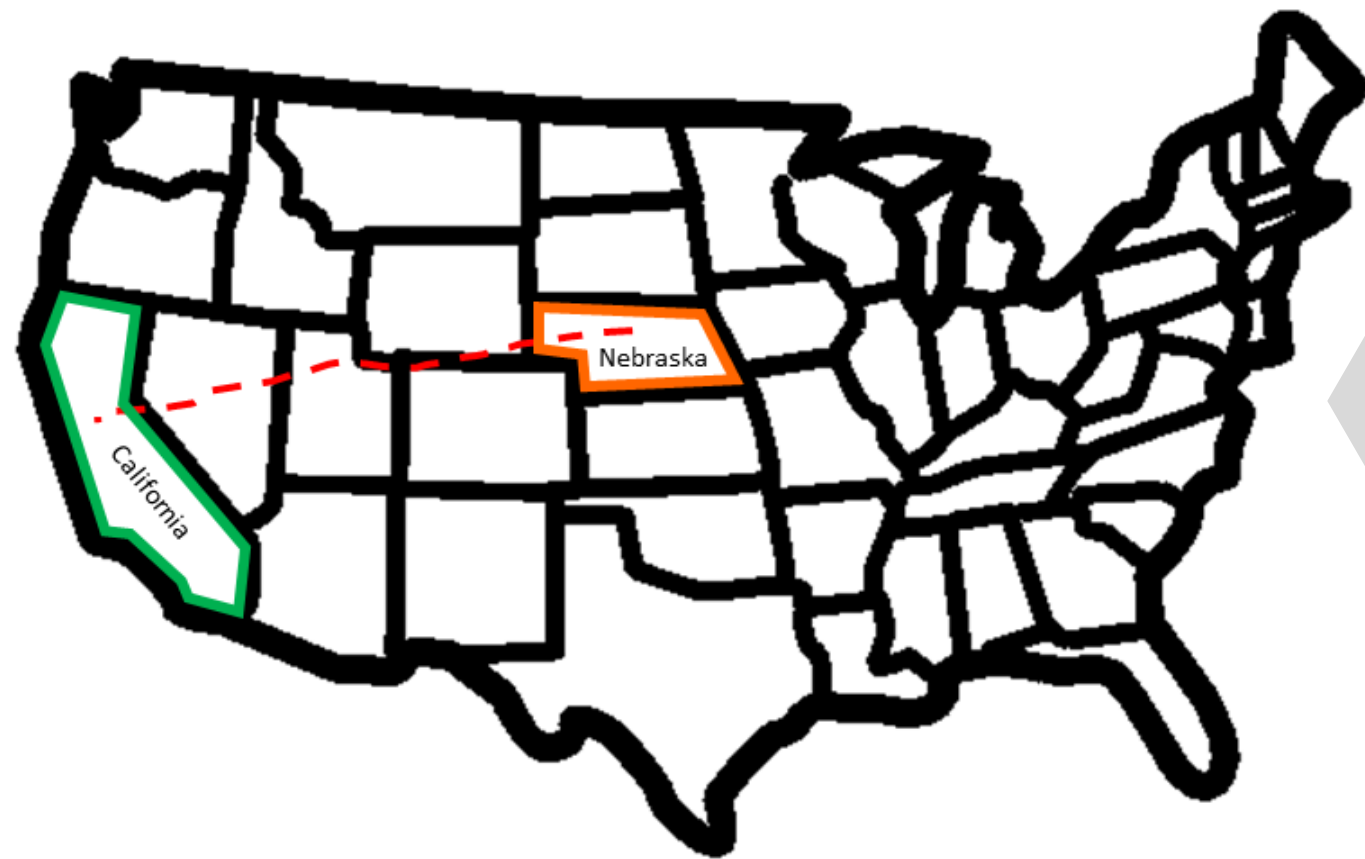
Match the job to the person on the previous page.

 stop the train	 feed the coal	 collect tickets
 drive the train	 enjoy the ride	 connect cars

There is a matching activity where students match the job to each person who works on the train.

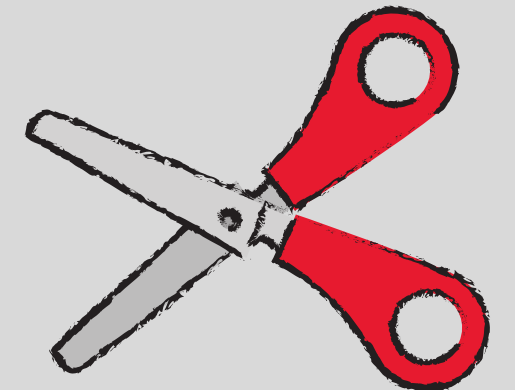


1. Color in California green.
2. Color in Nebraska orange.
3. Trace the Transcontinental RR.



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There is an activity where students trace the route of the Transcontinental Railroad and color in the states it starts and stops at.



Riding on the train

If I could ride on a train, I think it would be

I would take my

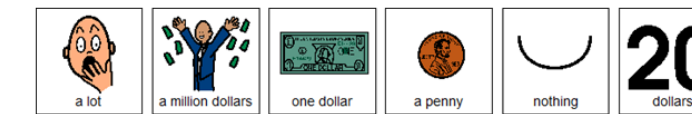
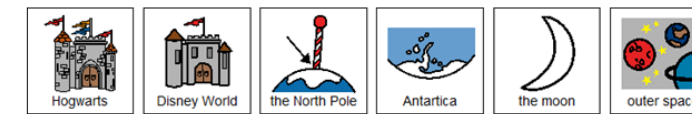
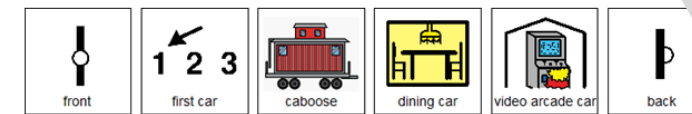
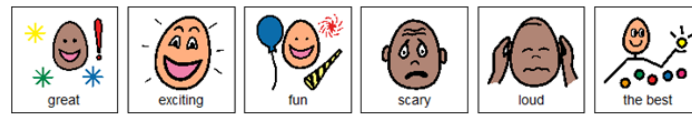
with me.

I would ride in the



It would be great to take a train all the way to

I bet the ticket would cost



There is a writing prompt for students to complete about taking a ride on a train.

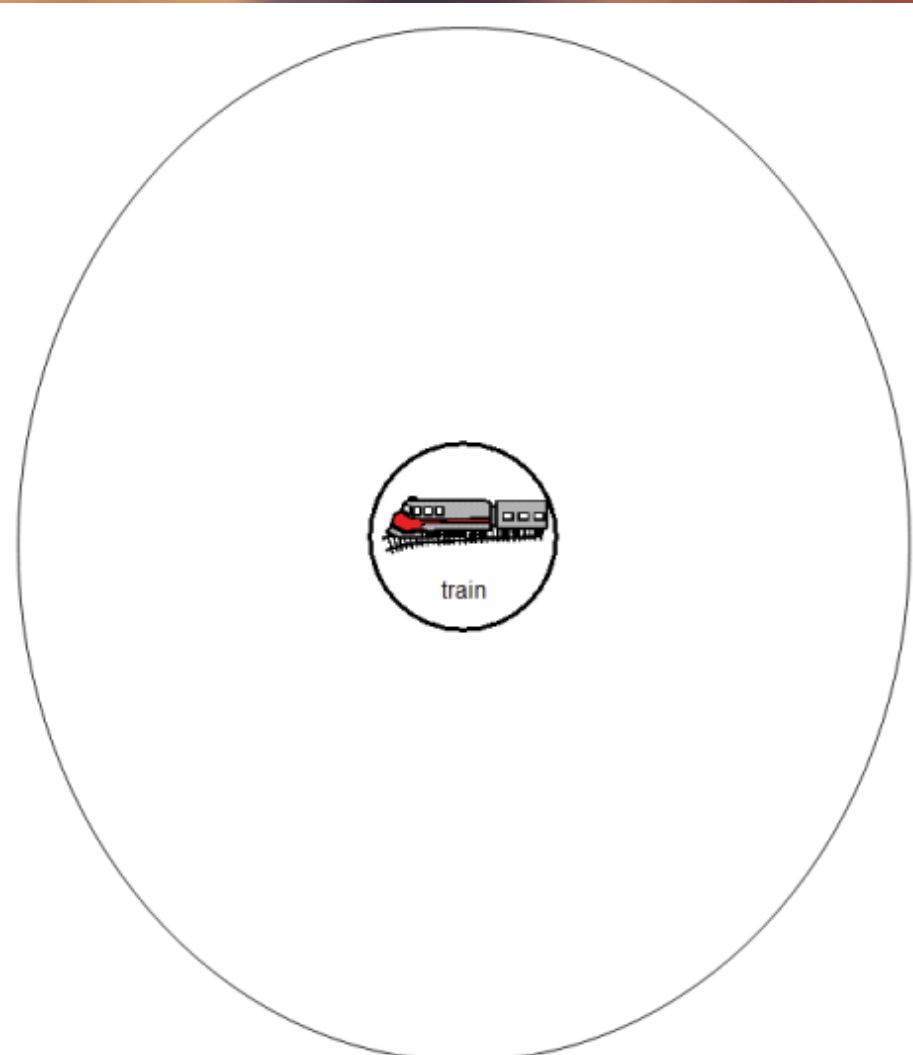
This is an errorless activity that allows students to write a story independently.













Listen to
Locomotive
read aloud



*There is a video from
YouTube of the book
read aloud included in
the set of google slides.*















Place pictures in circle map showing some facts about trains.

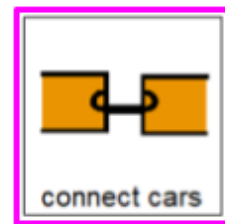
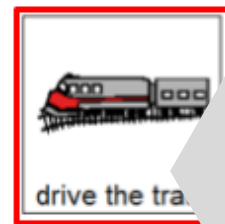
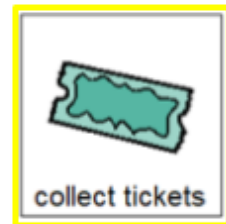
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There are digital versions of the activities included. Students click and drag the answers.

 engineer		 conductor	
 brakeman		 fireman	
 switchman		 passenger	

Match the job to each person who works on the train.



There are 2 sets, one that includes differentiation shown here.



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!!](#)