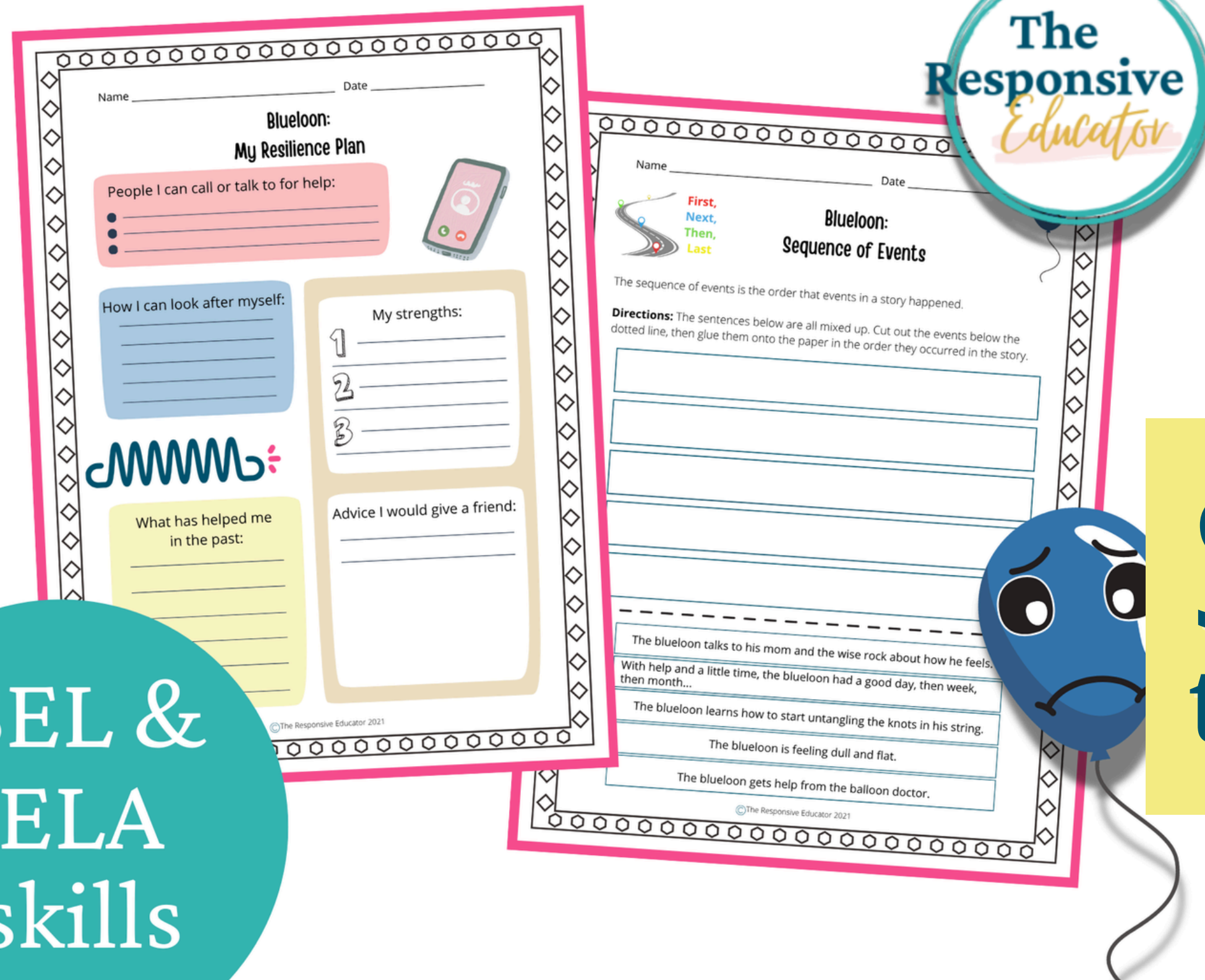


Companion to Julia Cook's **Blueloon**

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Interactive Read-
Aloud Lesson Plan
with **75 pages** of
instruction and
activities!



SEL &
ELA
skills

SCROLL
to take a look inside!

TEACHERS KNOW THAT STUDENTS OFTEN STRUGGLE TO EXPRESS EMOTIONS LIKE LONELINESS OR DEPRESSION

- Helps Improve Classroom Behavior and Social Skills
- Assists in understanding depression, support systems, and empathy
- Offers Differentiated Learning Opportunities

Blueloon: My Self-Evaluation

Name _____ Date _____

Read each statement below. Place a check mark in the boxes that best fit you.

	Yes	No	Describe/Explain
I am able to recognize when I need help with my emotions.			
I have activities or hobbies that help me feel better when I'm feeling sad or down.			
I have people I feel comfortable talking to if I'm feeling sad or upset.			
I go talk to these people if I am having a hard time.			
I know strategies to help me manage stress and take care of my mental well-being.			
I use my strategies to help myself feel better.			

Blueloon: Feeling Sad

Name _____ Date _____

Everyone looks different for everyone.

What does your face look like when you are sad? Draw it

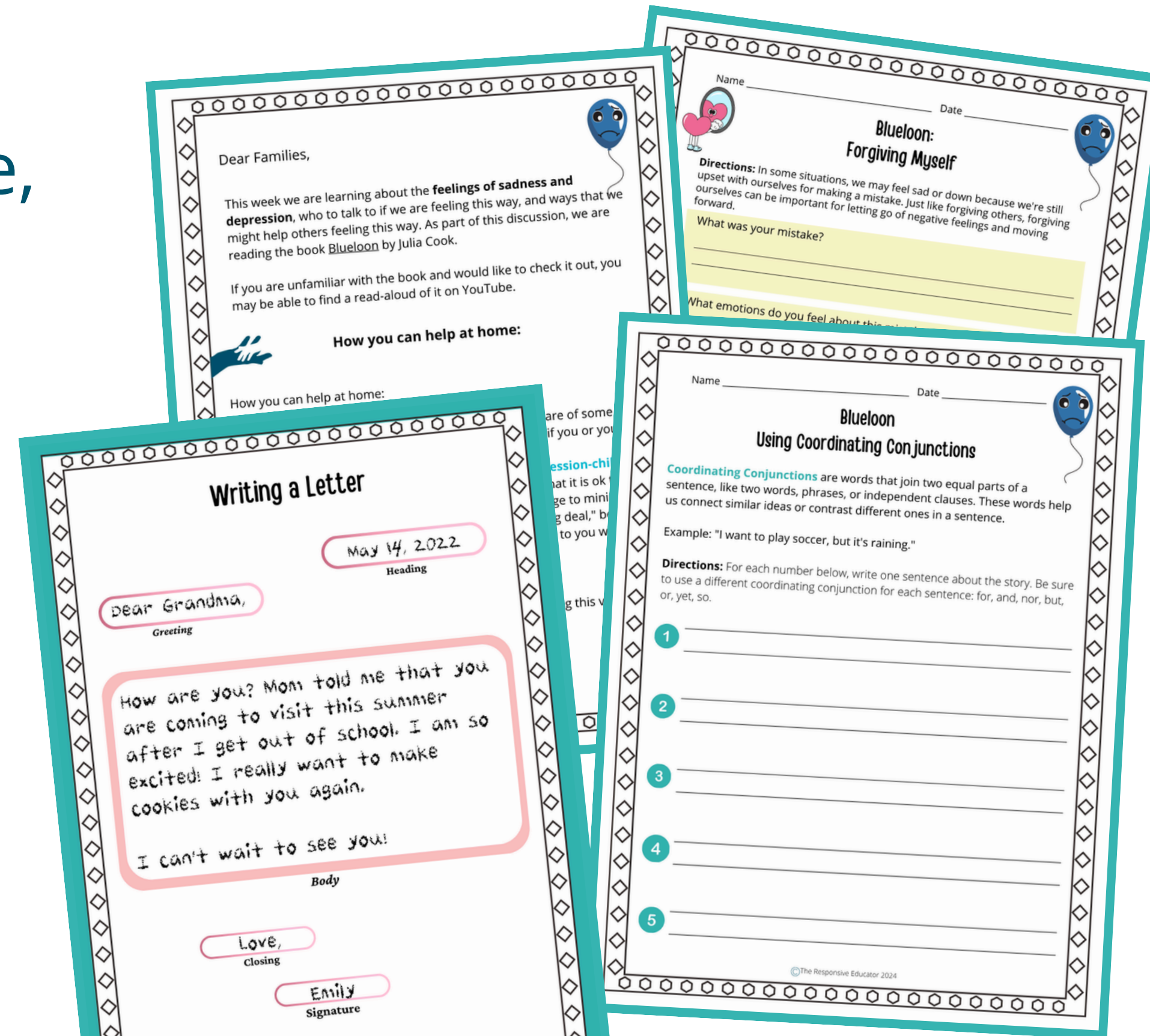
and draw 4 things that you feel sad.

Write and draw 4 ways in which you express that you are sad.

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What's Included?

- ★ SEL Objectives
- ★ SEL Skill Activities
- ★ Guided Questions for Before, During, & After Reading
- ★ Story Elements & Writing Activities
- ★ Interactive Read-Aloud
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ELA Visuals & Posters

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Easy to Read

Align with
Activities &
Objectives

Fun Visuals

Writing a Letter

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Heading

Dear Grandma,
Greeting

How are you?
are coming to
after I get
excited! I
cookies with
I can't wait

Story Elements

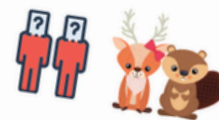
Setting

the time and location where the story takes place



Characters

people/animals who are important to the story



Problem

the main issue or conflict in the story



Key Events

the important events or actions that take place in the story



Solution

the way that the characters in the story solve the problem



Theme

the message, lesson, or moral the author wants you to learn

Using Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating Conjunctions are words that join two equal parts of a sentence, like two words, phrases, or independent clauses. These words help us connect similar ideas or contrast different ones in a sentence.

Example Sentence

"I want to play soccer, **but** it's raining."

This sentence uses the coordinating conjunction "but" to connect the desire to play soccer with the fact that it is raining.



Sequence of Events

Sequencing events is putting the events in a story in the order in which they happened.



Transition Words are used to show that events took place over time.



Transition Word Examples

first	before	eventually	later
next	during	meanwhile	as soon as
then	after that	the next day	in the end
		finally	

Easy to use and Differentiate

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Variety of story elements and writing strategy activities

Example pages included

Differentiated options

Many opportunities for student reflection and writing practice

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First, Next, Then, Last



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Paragraph Example

First, I get out of bed. Next, I get dressed. Then, I eat breakfast. After breakfast, I brush my teeth and make my lunch. Finally, I get on the bus and go to school.

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Sequence of Events

Name _____

The sequence of events is like a timeline. It is the order that events in a story happened. When you retell a story, use words like first, then, next to help make the order of events clear.

Directions: Retell the main events of the story using transition words.

First, _____

Next, _____

Blueloon: Sequence of Events Transition Words

Name _____ Date _____

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Next, _____

Blueloon: Sequence of Events

Name _____ Date _____

The sequence of events is the order that events in a story happened.

Directions: The sentences below are all mixed up. Number the events in the order they occurred in the story.

1. The blueloon talks to his mom and the wise rock about how he feels.
2. With help and a little time, the blueloon had a good day, then week, then month...

A Wide Variety of ELA & SEL Activities

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- Making predictions
- Summarizing
- Character Analysis
- Compare & Contrast
- Writing Prompts
- Understanding sadness
- Reframing negative thoughts
- Building resilience
- Creating a personal plan
- Finding hope



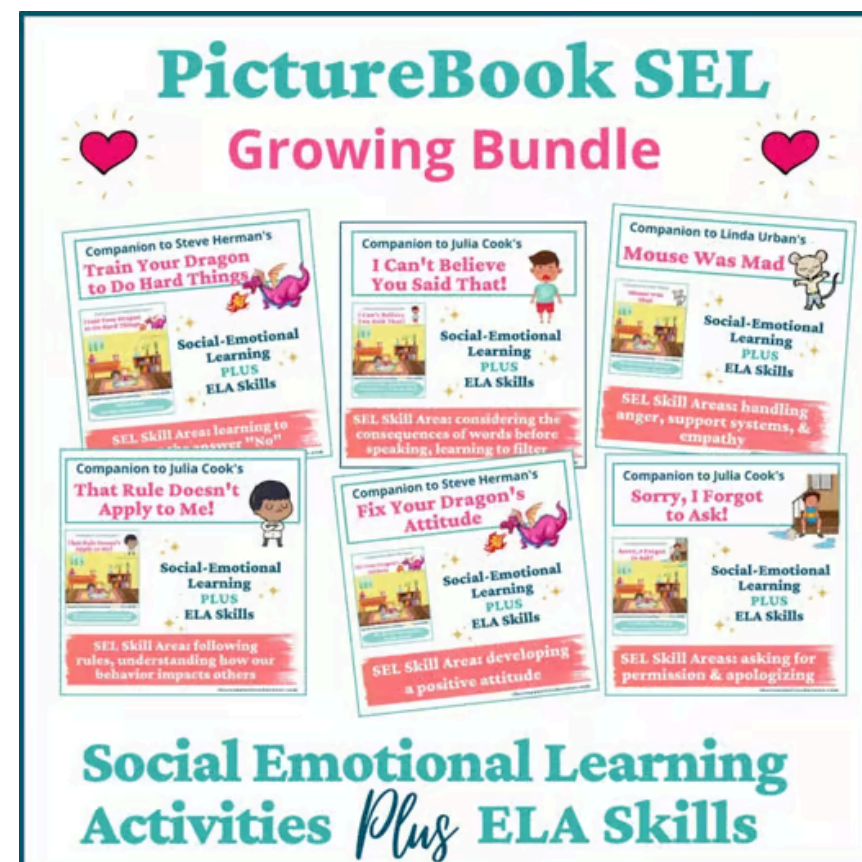
Why Do I Need This?

- ★ Ready-to-use plans and activities to **reduce prep time**
- ★ Combines ELA and SEL to teach **both at once**
- ★ Works as **independent work, whole group instruction, small groups, or center activities**
- ★ Keeps students **engaged** with **supportive tools for addressing sadness and depression in a safe, age-appropriate way**
- ★ Builds consistent **support between school and home** with family connection notes
- ★ Easy to **reuse** year after year!

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