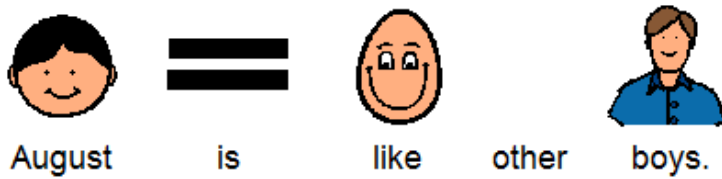


Ordinary



Why I Didn't Go to School



August



goes

to



school

next week.



August



is



in

grade

5.



August



never



went to



school

before.





August

had



school

at



home.



August



was



sick.



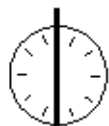
August



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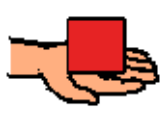
strong



now.



August



has



friends



named



Alex



Christopher



and



Zachary.

How I Came to Life



August



has



a



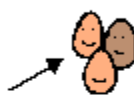
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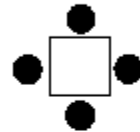
named



Via



They



about



when



August



was



born.



The nurses



and



doctors



were



quiet.



August



was



very



sick



and



looked



different.

Christopher's House



August



went to



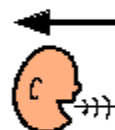
Christopher's



house.



August



talked

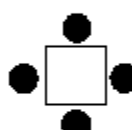
to



Christopher's



Mom



about



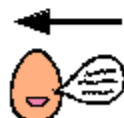
school.



August's



Dad



said



August's







not

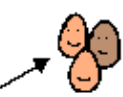


















strong

yet.

Driving Home





 August's family drove home.










 They were afraid children at school will









 be mean to August because he looks different.








 August wanted to meet with the school principal.

Paging Mr. Tushman



August



met



the principal



named



Mr. Tushman.



Mr. Tushman



knew



that



August



like



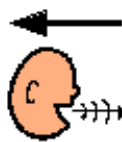
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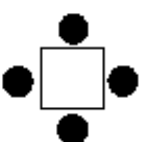
read.



Mr. Tushman



talked



about

the



science



classes.



Mr. Tushman



walked



with



August



around

the



school.

Nice Mrs. Garcia



August



met



Mrs. Garcia.



Mrs Garcia



will



help



August



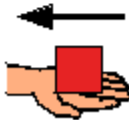
with



any problems.



Mrs Garcia



had

a



big



smile.

Jack Will, Julian and Charlotte



August



met

some



children



from



school.



Jack Will



Julian



and



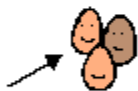
Charlotte



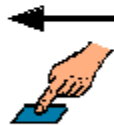
said hi to



August.



They



showed



August



around

the



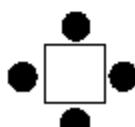
school.



Charlotte



told



about

the



classes



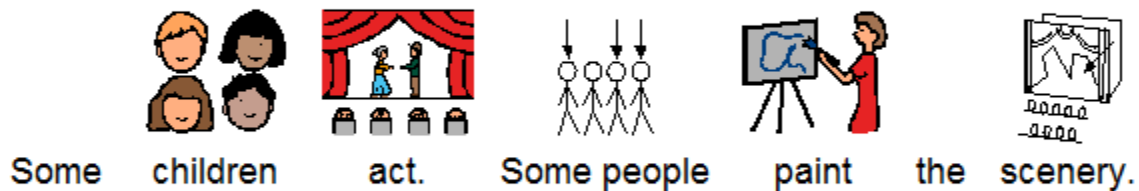
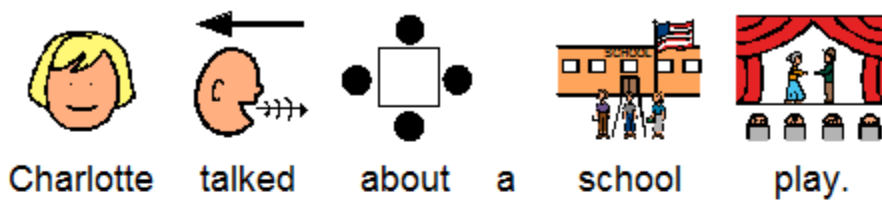
and

the



teachers.

The Performance Space



Going Home



August



and



his

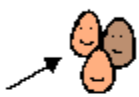
Mom



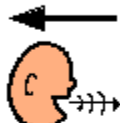
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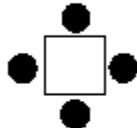
school.



They



talked



about

the



children



at



school.



August



said



they



were



okay.



August

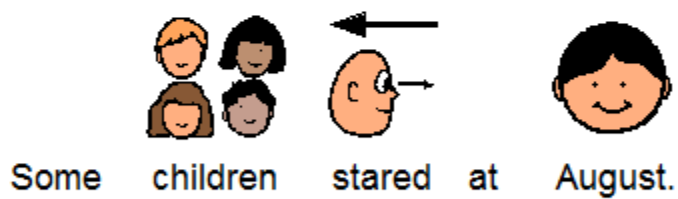
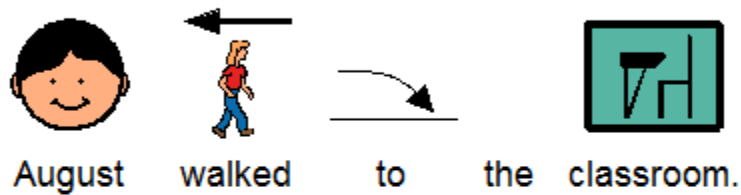
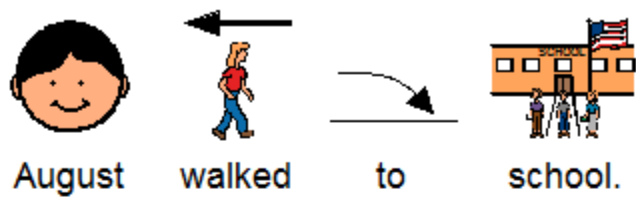


liked



Jack Will.

First Day Jitters

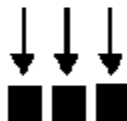
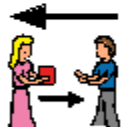




Charlotte said Hi to August.



Jack Will said Hi to August.



The teacher gave every student a schedule.



The teacher called everyone's name



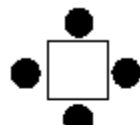
Each



student



told



about



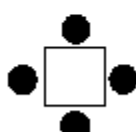
themselves.



August



told



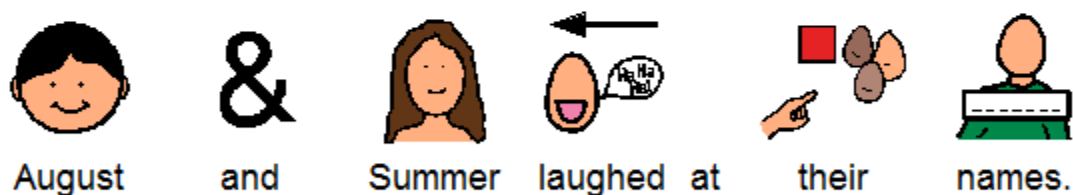
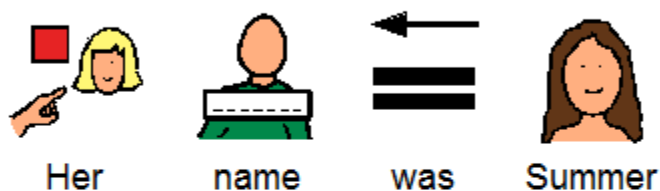
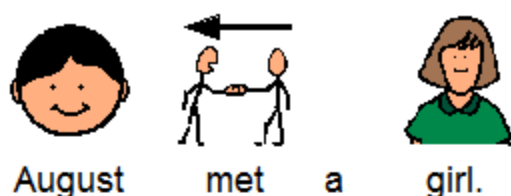
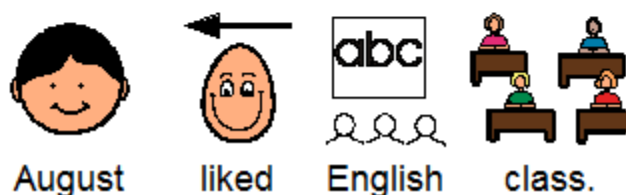
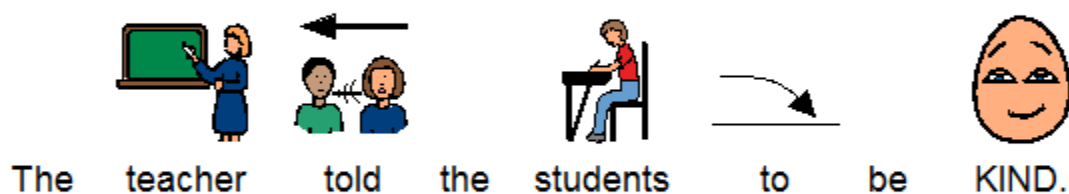
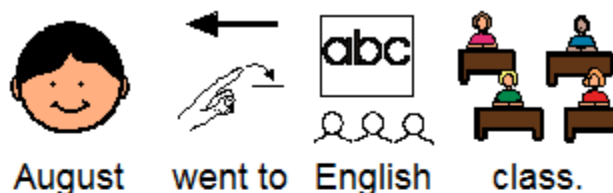
about

his

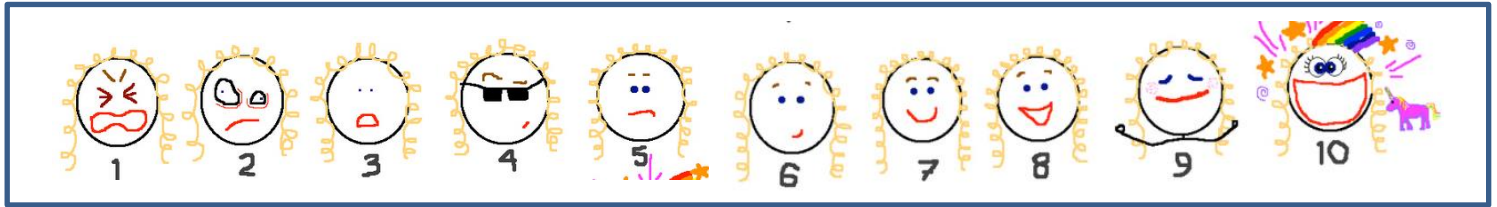


family.

Choose Kind



One to Ten



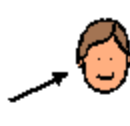
August



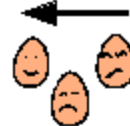
told



how



he



felt



with

123

numbers

1

One



was



not



good

10

Ten



was



very



good.



Mom



asked



August,



"How



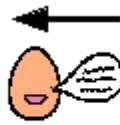
was



school?"



August



said



school



was

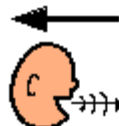
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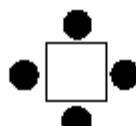
5.



August



talked



about

his



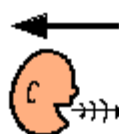
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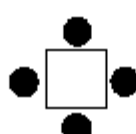
friends.



August



talked



about



Summer.



Dad



asked



August,



"How



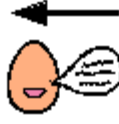
was



school?"



August



said



"School



was



good."



August



was



sad.



August



asked



"Why



am



I



ugly?"



Mom



kissed



August.



When



I



am



sad,



I



am

a



1

Halloween



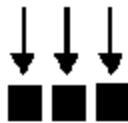
August



went to



school



every



day.



Children

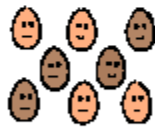
learned



August's



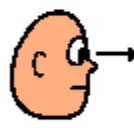
name .



People



did not



stare



at



August.



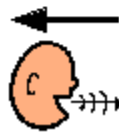
Summer



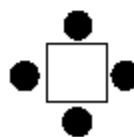
and



August



talked



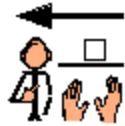
about



Halloween.



Summer



wanted a



unicorn



costume.



August



wanted a



Star Wars



costume.



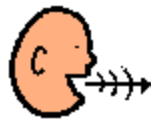
August



like



to



talk









with



Summer.

The Cheese Touch





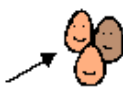










 Most children are kind to August.

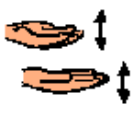
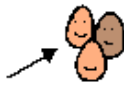













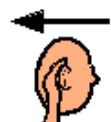
 Some children are afraid to touch August.








 August hopes they will not be afraid.










 Maybe they think they will get ugly germs.



August



heard

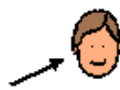
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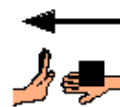
Jack Will



say



he



didn't want



to



sit



with



August.



August



was



very



sad.



He



told

the



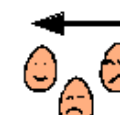
school



nurse



he



felt



sick



and



went home.



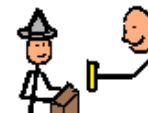
August



did not



go



trick or treating.

Part 2



Via

August through the Peephole



Via



knows



August



is



special.



Via



knows



August



looks



different.



Via



is



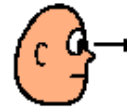
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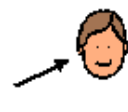
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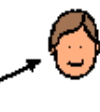
people



stare



at



him.



August



has



many



scars



from



surgery.



August's



ears



are



small.



August



has



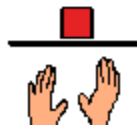
low



eyes.



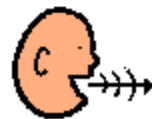
Via



wants



to



talk



to



August

more.

High School



Via



likes



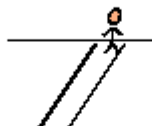
school.



School



was



away



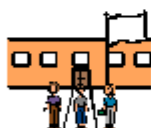
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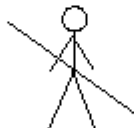
home.



In



high school,



nobody



knows



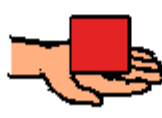
August.



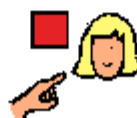
Via



likes



having



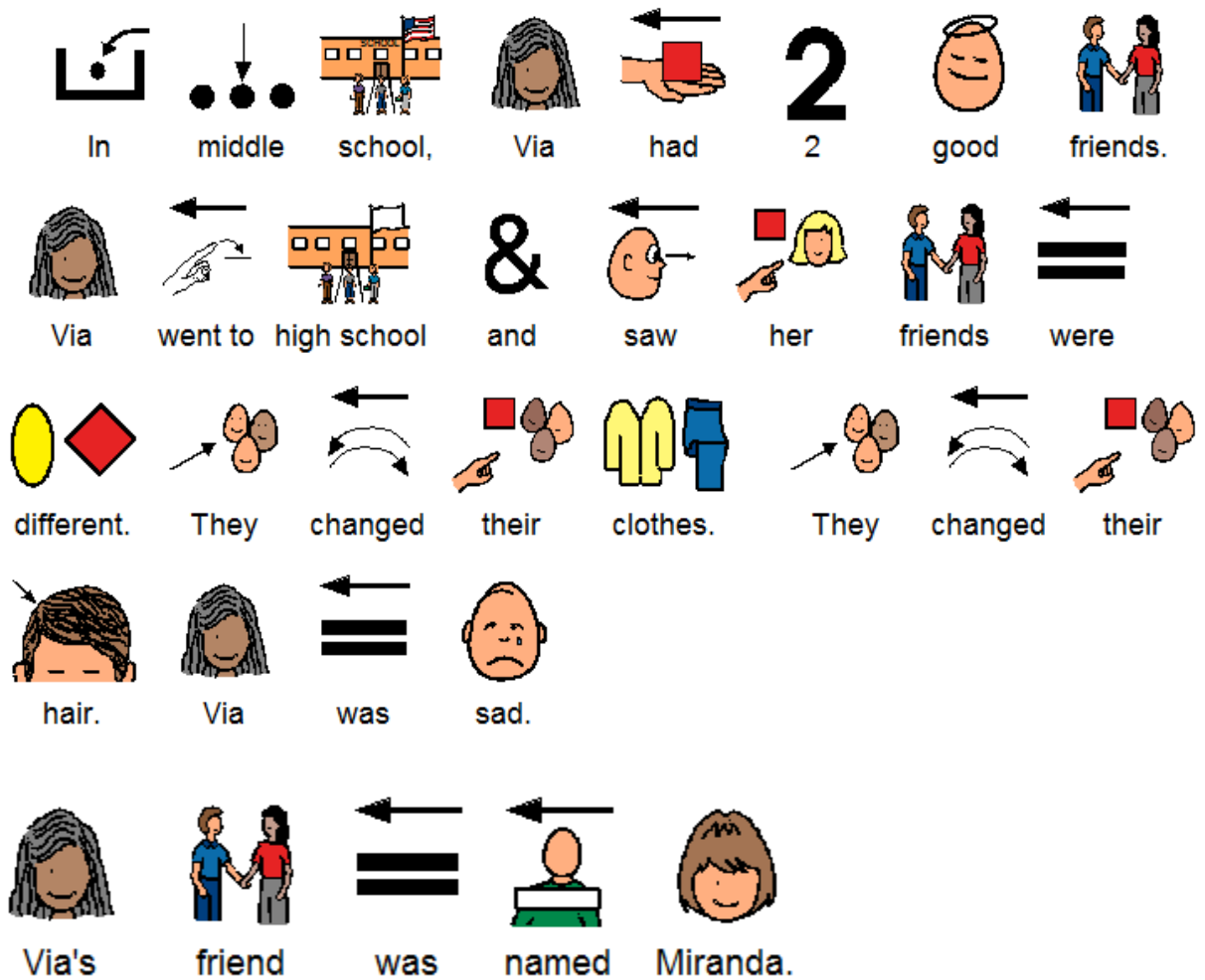
her

own



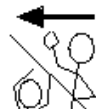
school.

Old Friends

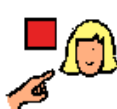




Via



did not want



her



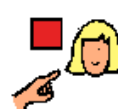
friends



to



drive



her



home.



Via



was



mad

at her



friends



for



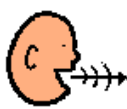
changing.



Via



wanted to



talk



to

her

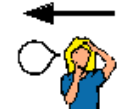


Mom.

Her



Mom



forgot.



Via



subway



home.

New Friends



Via



met

a



girl



named



Eleanor



Eleanor



ate



lunch



with



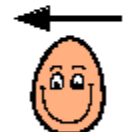
smart



children.



Via



liked

her



new



friends.



Via's



new



friends



were

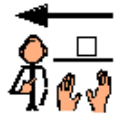


kind.

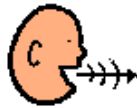
Trick or Treat



Via



wanted to



talk



to



August.



Via



knew



August



was



sad



and



sick.



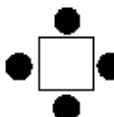
August



told



her



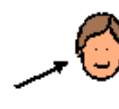
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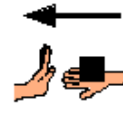
Jack Will



saying



he



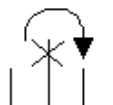
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to



sit



next

to



August.



Children



are



stupid



Children



say



mean



things.



Via



asked

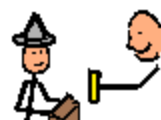


August

to



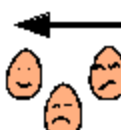
go



trick or treating.



August

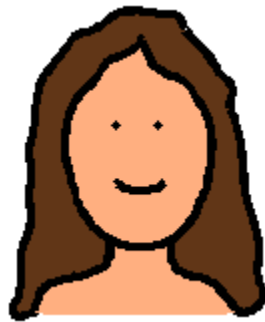


felt



better.

Part 3



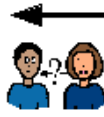
Summer



Weird Kids



Children



asked



Summer



"Why



do



you



play



with



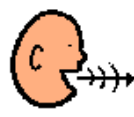
August?



Summer



liked



talking

to



August.



August



looks



weird

but



August



is



nice.

The Plague



Some



girls

&

and



boys

in



school

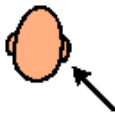


play

a



game.



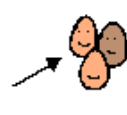
If someone



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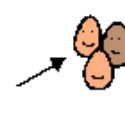
August



they



say



they

=

are



sick.



Summer



thinks



it

=

is

a



stupid



game.



Summer



will not



play.



August

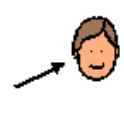
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would be



sad

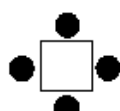
if



he



knew



about












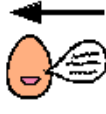


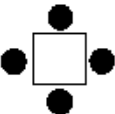
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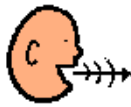
game.

Halloween Party








 Summer went to a Halloween Party.









 Some boys and girls said bad things about






 August. Summer did not like the talk.








 Summer called her mom to drive her home.

This Kid is Rated R



Summer



and



August



worked

on



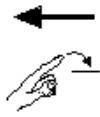
school



paper.



August



went to



Summer's



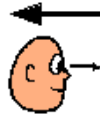
house.



Summer's



mom



stared



at



August.



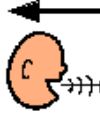
Summer



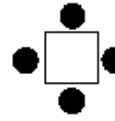
and



August



talked



about



Summer's



dead



dad.



August

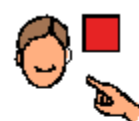


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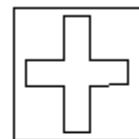


Summer

about



his



health



problems.



Summer



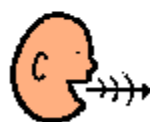
and



August



like



talking.

Part 4



Jack Will

The Call










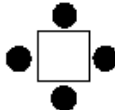


 Jack Will was at home during the summer.








 Mr. Tushman asked Jack Will to come to school and welcome






 August. Jack Will knew about August.






 Jack Will knew August looked weird.

Things about August



Jack Will



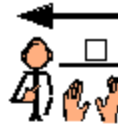
liked



August



and



wanted to be



friends.



August



was



funny.



August



was



smart.



August



helped



Jack Will






with











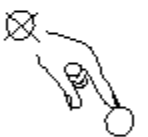

his homework.

Ex Friends






 Jack Will was confused.







 August was mad. Jack Will didn't know why.



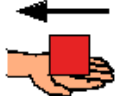






 Jack will asked other people.




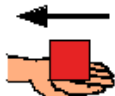








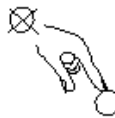





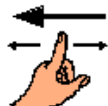

 Jack Will missed his friend August.

Private School

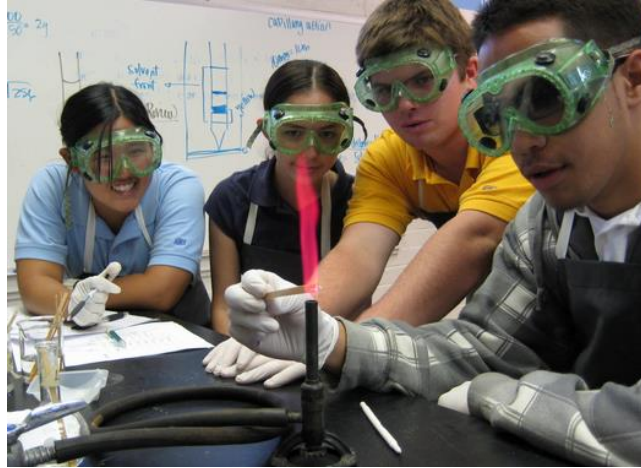
    
Jack Will's family had no money.

     
Some people at school had a lot of money.

      
Jack Will thought he was different than other people at school.

  
He didn't fit in.

Science Class


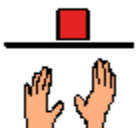








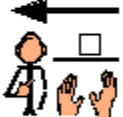









Jack Will wanted a partner for science class.

Jack Will wanted August for his partner.








Julian wanted Jack Will to do his science work.












Julian said bad things about August.



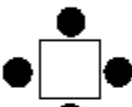















Jack Will was mad and hit Julian in the face.




Jack Will and August are Friends












    Jack Will sent a text to August.

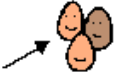


      They wrote about what annoyed them.





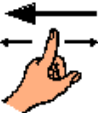
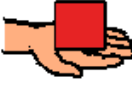

    Jack Will and August decided to be friends.









   They were happy.

August's House

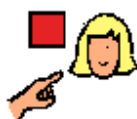
The Boyfriend



Via



brought



her



boyfriend to



meet



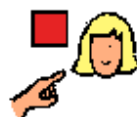
Jack Will



and



August.



Her



boyfriend's



name



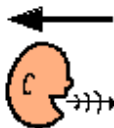
is



Justin



Justin



talked

to



August.



Justin



plays

the



violin.



Justin



plays

in a



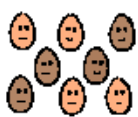
band.

Part Five



August

North Pole



People

at



school



liked



August



and



Jack Will's



science



paper.



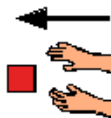
August



and



Jack Will



got

a



good

grade



Science



papers



were



on tables

in



the gymnasium.



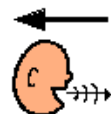
August



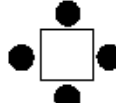
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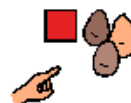
Jack Will



talked



about



their



science



paper.

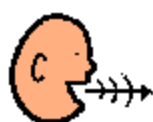


August



didn't like

to



talk

to



many



people.



August



didn't like



people



looking

at



him.



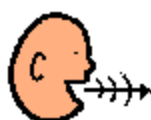
Jack Will



helped



August



talk

to



people.

Hearing Brightly



August

could



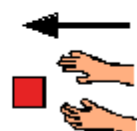
not



hear.



August



got



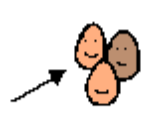
hearing aids.



August



didn't like



them.

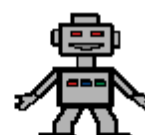


I



look

like a



robot.



August



put

the hearing aids



in

his



ears.



August

could



hear

much



better.



August

could



hear

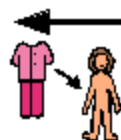
much



better.



August



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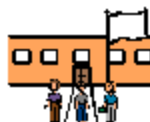
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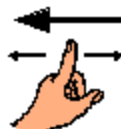
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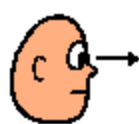
People



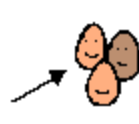
didn't



even



see



them.



August

could



hear











all

his









friends.

My Cave

August heard that Via's boyfriend Justin was in


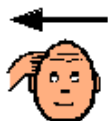




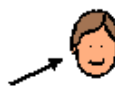
the school play. August wanted to go to the play.








Via said no. Via yelled at August.

August thought Via was mad at him.



Via



was



not



mad.



Via



was



sad.



Our



dog



is



sick.



Our



dog



is

going

to

the



veterinarian.



August



and



Via



were



sad



and



said



goodbye



to

their



dog.

The



dog



was







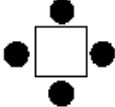









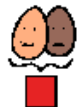



very



sick.

Heaven

        
August's dog died. August was worried about his dog.

        
August asked his mom, "Is our dog in heaven?"

       
August's mom said the dog was happy now.

The Ending



The school play was great!

Via and Justin were in the play.

People clapped and clapped and clapped.

We gave Via a big hug. August was very proud.

5th Grade Nature Trip



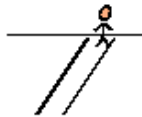
August



never



slept



away



from



home.



His

class



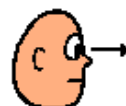
goes

to a



cabin

to



see



plants



and



animals



August



was



excited



and

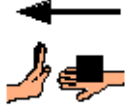


scared.

Packing



August



didn't want to



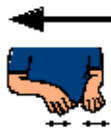
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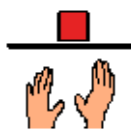
a lot.



August



did



want

his



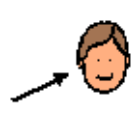
stuffed animal



It



made



him



feel



better.



He packed



it



under

his



clothes



in

his



suitcase.

Day One



August



and



his

friends



went

on



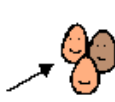
a

bus

to the



cabin.



They



took

a



walk



in

the



woods.



It

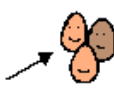


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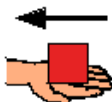


At

night,



they



had

a



campfire



and



ate



marshmallows.



August

fell



asleep









very

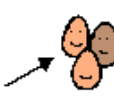

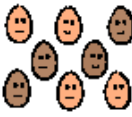





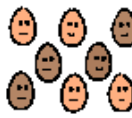
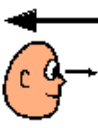
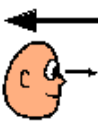





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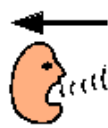

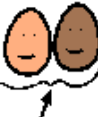

Alien at Night



 Jack Will  and  August  walked  around  at night.

 They  met  people  from  another  school.

 The  people  stared at  August  and  said  bad  words.

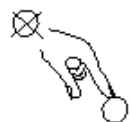
 Jack Will  yelled,  "Leave  us  alone!"



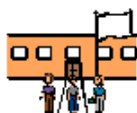
Jack Will

&

and



other



school



friends



ran



back

to the



cabin.



August



lost

his



hearing aids.



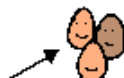
His

friends



looked

for



them

but



it



was








too



dark

Home






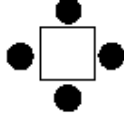





















 August went on a bus home with his friends.





 His mom asked August about his trip.








 August told him Mom about his friends.












 August told his Mom that his friends helped him.

Will I always have to fight people?



Mom



said



no.



Mom



and



Dad



gave



me

a



box.



I



opened the



box.



Inside



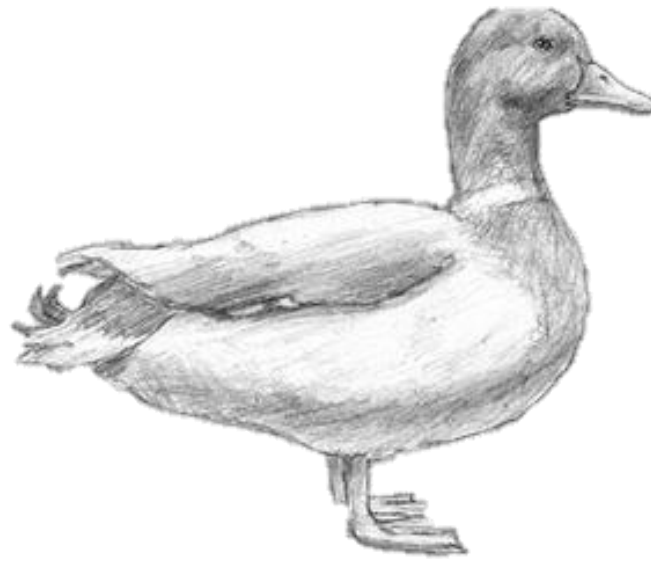
was

a



puppy.






Ducks



     
Mr. Tushman called August into his office.

      
Mr. Tushman talked about the many things that happened

  
over the school year.

    
Mr. Tushman liked August's art project.



August



drew

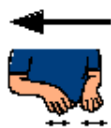
a



duck.



"Why



did



you



draw

a



duck?"



August



laughed.



"I



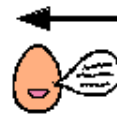
look

like a



duck!"

he



said.

Graduation



August



wore a



tie



for graduation.



Via



helped



August



comb



his

hair.



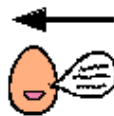
"You



look



GREAT"



said

his



dad



and



mom.



The graduation was at school.



Mr. Tushman gave out awards.



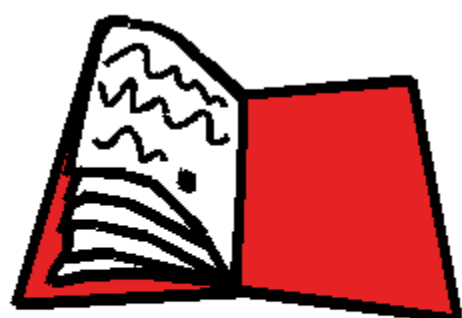
August was surprised. He got a special award for his



strength and kindness. August was happy.



Mom said I was a WONDER!



The end

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