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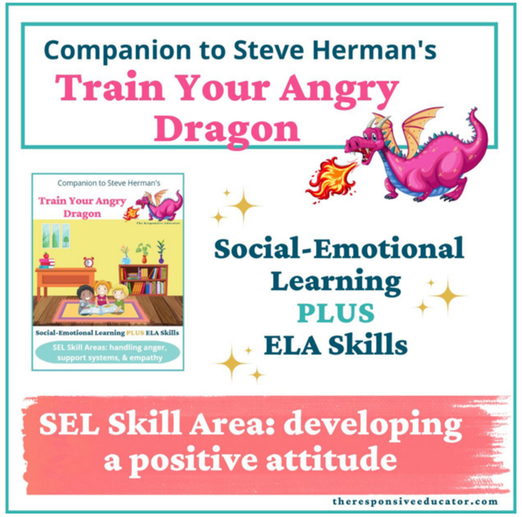
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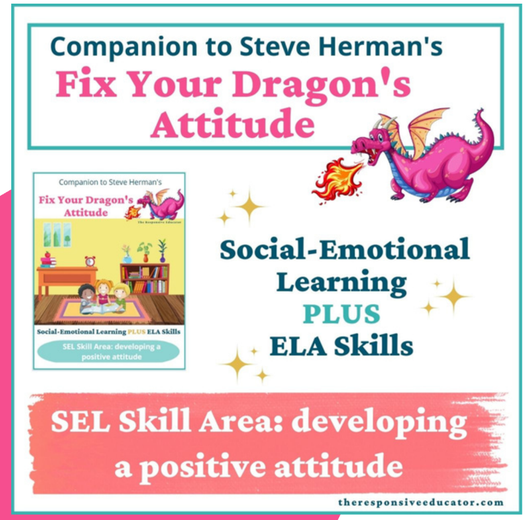
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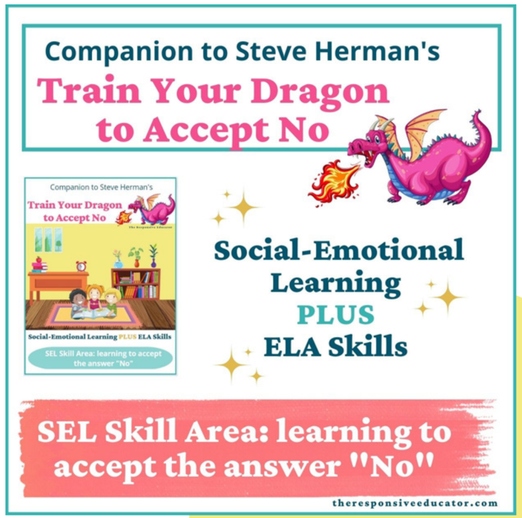








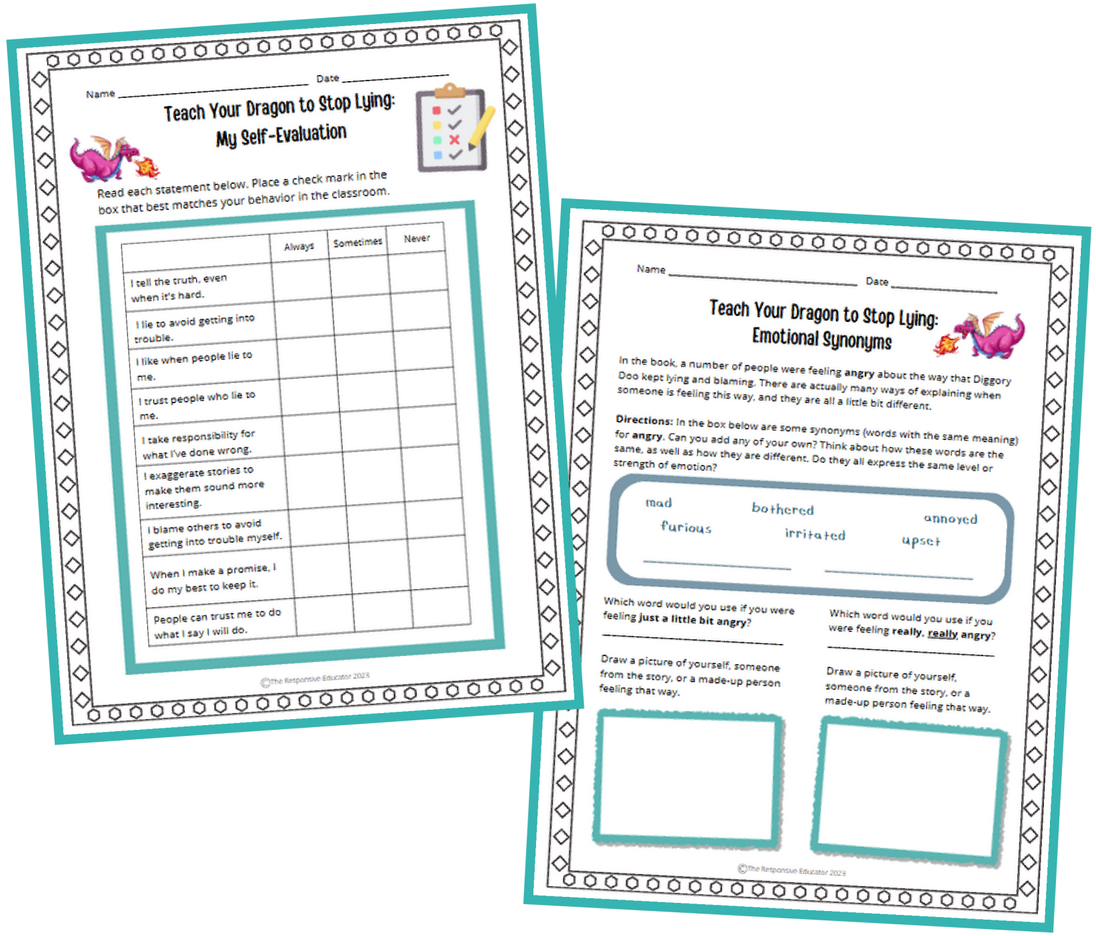




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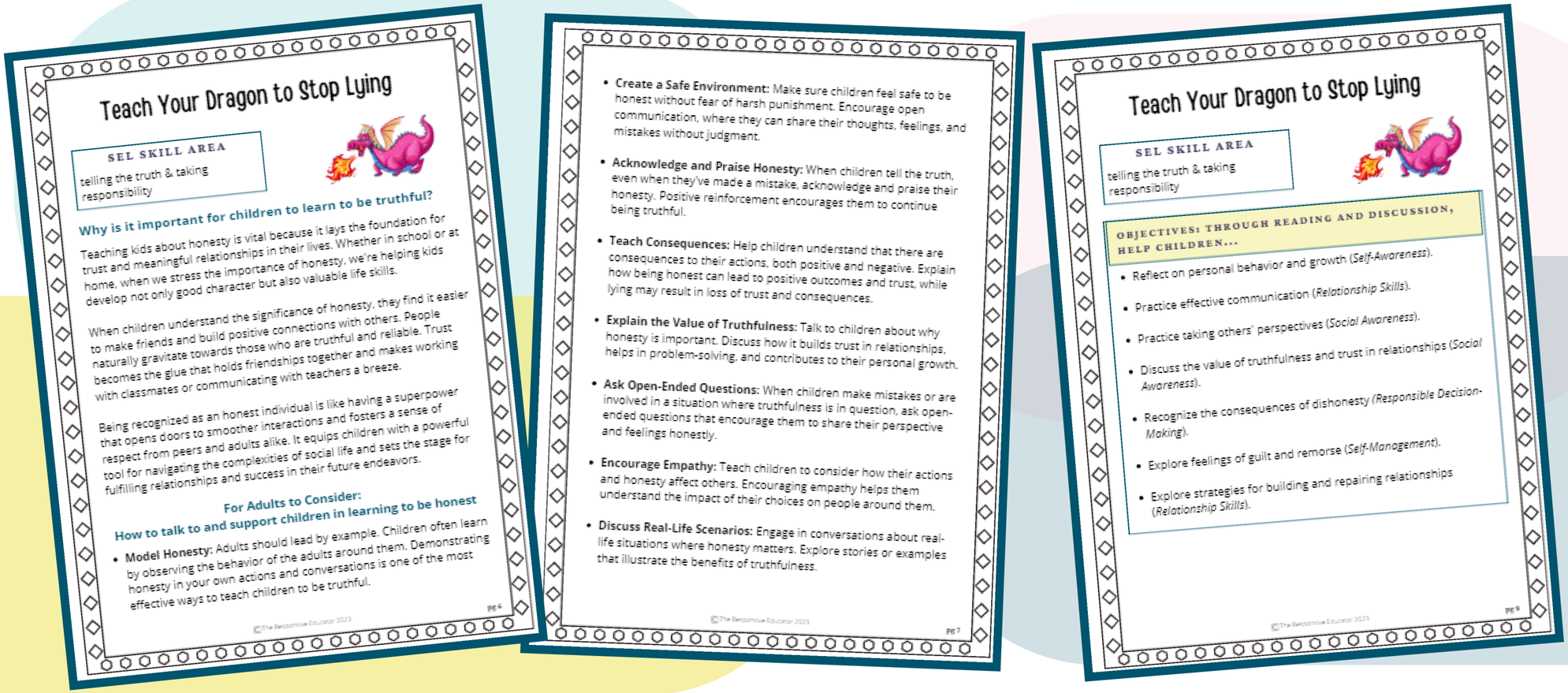
- Helps Improve Classroom Behavior and Social Skills
- Assists in **Building Student Honesty & Responsibility**
- Offers Differentiated Learning Opportunities



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Teach children about the importance of telling the truth and taking responsibility

Includes SEL Learning Objectives and Support for Educators



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SEL SKILL AREA

telling the truth & taking responsibility

Why is it important for children to learn to be truthful?

Teaching kids about honesty is vital because it lays the foundation for trust and meaningful relationships in their lives. Whether in school or at home, when we stress the importance of honesty, we're helping kids develop not only good character but also valuable life skills.

When children understand the significance of honesty, they find it easier to make friends and build positive connections with others. People naturally gravitate towards those who are truthful and reliable. Trust becomes the glue that holds friendships together and makes working with classmates or communicating with teachers a breeze.

Being recognized as an honest individual is like having a superpower that opens doors to smoother interactions and fosters a sense of respect from peers and adults alike. It equips children with a powerful tool for navigating the complexities of social life and sets the stage for fulfilling relationships and success in their future endeavors.

For Adults to Consider:

How to talk to and support children in learning to be honest

- **Model Honesty:** Adults should lead by example. Children often learn by observing the behavior of the adults around them. Demonstrating honesty in your own actions and conversations is one of the most effective ways to teach children to be truthful.

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- **Create a Safe Environment:** Make sure children feel safe to be honest without fear of harsh punishment. Encourage open communication, where they can share their thoughts, feelings, and mistakes without judgment.
- **Acknowledge and Praise Honesty:** When children tell the truth, even when they've made a mistake, acknowledge and praise their honesty. Positive reinforcement encourages them to continue being truthful.
- **Teach Consequences:** Help children understand that there are consequences to their actions, both positive and negative. Explain how being honest can lead to positive outcomes and trust, while lying may result in loss of trust and consequences.
- **Explain the Value of Truthfulness:** Talk to children about why honesty is important. Discuss how it builds trust in relationships, helps in problem-solving, and contributes to their personal growth.
- **Ask Open-Ended Questions:** When children make mistakes or are involved in a situation where truthfulness is in question, ask open-ended questions that encourage them to share their perspective and feelings honestly.
- **Encourage Empathy:** Teach children to consider how their actions and honesty affect others. Encouraging empathy helps them understand the impact of their choices on people around them.
- **Discuss Real-Life Scenarios:** Engage in conversations about real-life situations where honesty matters. Explore stories or examples that illustrate the benefits of truthfulness.

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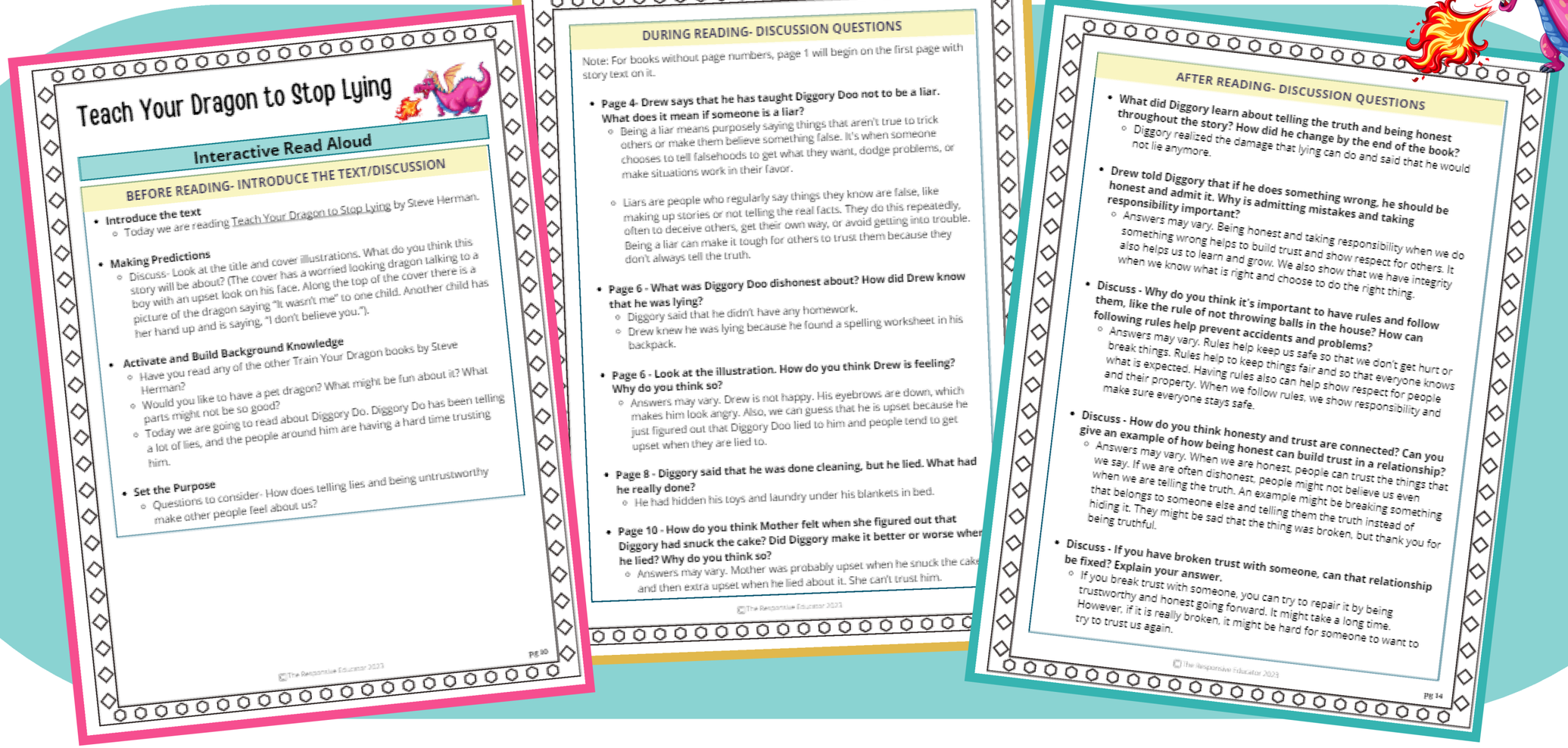
OBJECTIVES: THROUGH READING AND DISCUSSION, HELP CHILDREN...

- Reflect on personal behavior and growth (*Self-Awareness*).
- Practice effective communication (*Relationship Skills*).
- Practice taking others' perspectives (*Social Awareness*).
- Discuss the value of truthfulness and trust in relationships (*Social Awareness*).
- Recognize the consequences of dishonesty (*Responsible Decision-Making*).
- Explore feelings of guilt and remorse (*Self-Management*).
- Explore strategies for building and repairing relationships (*Relationship Skills*).

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Comes with Guided Questions for Before, During, and After Reading





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Interactive Read Aloud

BEFORE READING- INTRODUCE THE TEXT/DISCUSSION

- **Introduce the text**
  - Today we are reading Teach Your Dragon to Stop Lying by Steve Herman.
- **Making Predictions**
  - Discuss- Look at the title and cover illustrations. What do you think this story will be about? (The cover has a worried looking dragon talking to a boy with an upset look on his face. Along the top of the cover there is a picture of the dragon saying "It wasn't me" to one child. Another child has her hand up and is saying, "I don't believe you.").
- **Activate and Build Background Knowledge**
  - Have you read any of the other Train Your Dragon books by Steve Herman?
  - Would you like to have a pet dragon? What might be fun about it? What parts might not be so good?
  - Today we are going to read about Diggory Do. Diggory Do has been telling a lot of lies, and the people around him are having a hard time trusting him.
- **Set the Purpose**
  - Questions to consider- How does telling lies and being untrustworthy make other people feel about us?

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DURING READING- DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Note: For books without page numbers, page 1 will begin on the first page with story text on it.

- **Page 4- Drew says that he has taught Diggory Doo not to be a liar. What does it mean if someone is a liar?**
  - Being a liar means purposely saying things that aren't true to trick others or make them believe something false. It's when someone chooses to tell falsehoods to get what they want, dodge problems, or make situations work in their favor.
  - Liars are people who regularly say things they know are false, like making up stories or not telling the real facts. They do this repeatedly, often to deceive others, get their own way, or avoid getting into trouble. Being a liar can make it tough for others to trust them because they don't always tell the truth.
- **Page 6 - What was Diggory Doo dishonest about? How did Drew know that he was lying?**
  - Diggory said that he didn't have any homework.
  - Drew knew he was lying because he found a spelling worksheet in his backpack.
- **Page 6 - Look at the illustration. How do you think Drew is feeling? Why do you think so?**
  - Answers may vary. Drew is not happy. His eyebrows are down, which makes him look angry. Also, we can guess that he is upset because he just figured out that Diggory Doo lied to him and people tend to get upset when they are lied to.
- **Page 8 - Diggory said that he was done cleaning, but he lied. What had he really done?**
  - He had hidden his toys and laundry under his blankets in bed.
- **Page 10 - How do you think Mother felt when she figured out that Diggory had snuck the cake? Did Diggory make it better or worse when he lied? Why do you think so?**
  - Answers may vary. Mother was probably upset when he snuck the cake and then extra upset when he lied about it. She can't trust him.

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AFTER READING- DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What did Diggory learn about telling the truth and being honest throughout the story? How did he change by the end of the book?**
  - Diggory realized the damage that lying can do and said that he would not lie anymore.
- **Drew told Diggory that if he does something wrong, he should be honest and admit it. Why is admitting mistakes and taking responsibility important?**
  - Answers may vary. Being honest and taking responsibility when we do something wrong helps to build trust and show respect for others. It also helps us to learn and grow. We also show that we have integrity when we know what is right and choose to do the right thing.
- **Discuss - Why do you think it's important to have rules and follow them, like the rule of not throwing balls in the house? How can following rules help prevent accidents and problems?**
  - Answers may vary. Rules help keep us safe so that we don't get hurt or break things. Rules help to keep things fair and so that everyone knows what is expected. Having rules also can help show respect for people and their property. When we follow rules, we show responsibility and make sure everyone stays safe.
- **Discuss - How do you think honesty and trust are connected? Can you give an example of how being honest can build trust in a relationship?**
  - Answers may vary. When we are honest, people can trust the things that we say. If we are often dishonest, people might not believe us even when we are telling the truth. An example might be breaking something that belongs to someone else and telling them the truth instead of hiding it. They might be sad that the thing was broken, but thank you for being truthful.
- **Discuss - If you have broken trust with someone, can that relationship be fixed? Explain your answer.**
  - If you break trust with someone, you can try to repair it by being trustworthy and honest going forward. It might take a long time. However, if it is really broken, it might be hard for someone to want to try to trust us again.

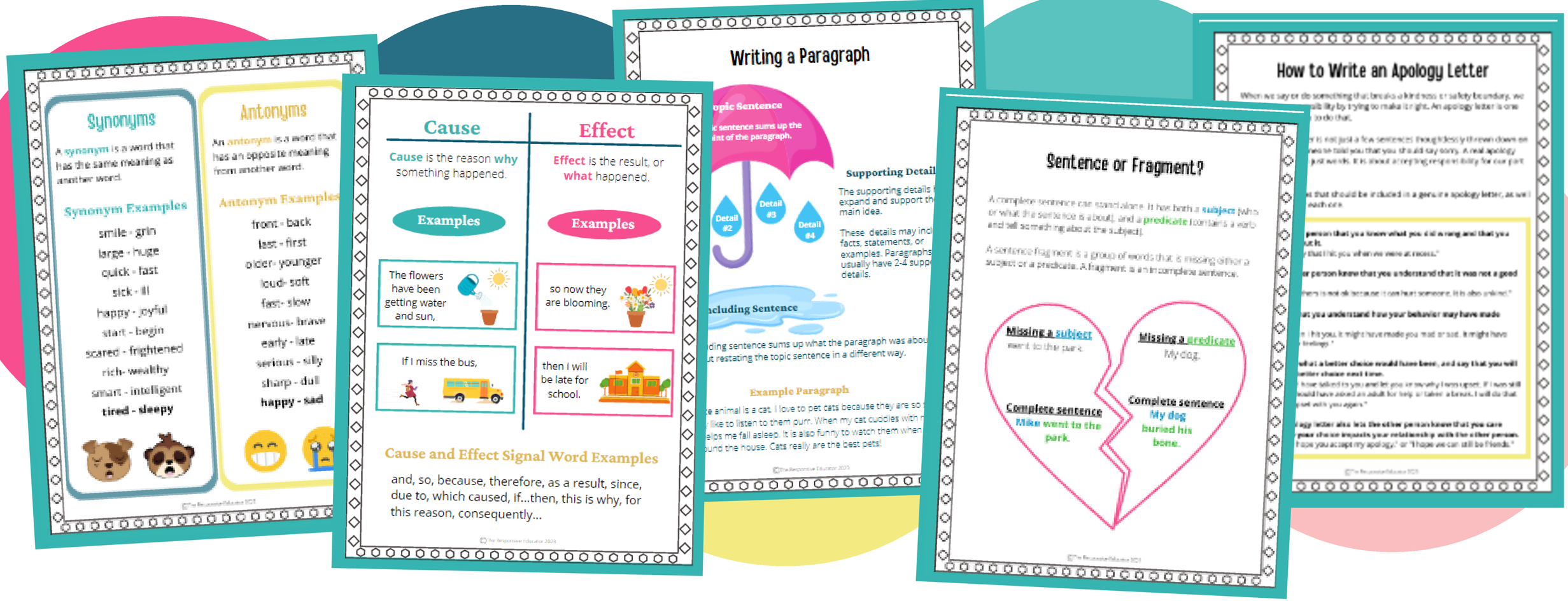
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Includes a wide variety of SEL & ELA Activities



Also includes ELA skill sheets/posters





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‘Note Home’ to Help Involve Families

- Skill area being covered in class
- Name of book we are reading
- “How you can help at home”

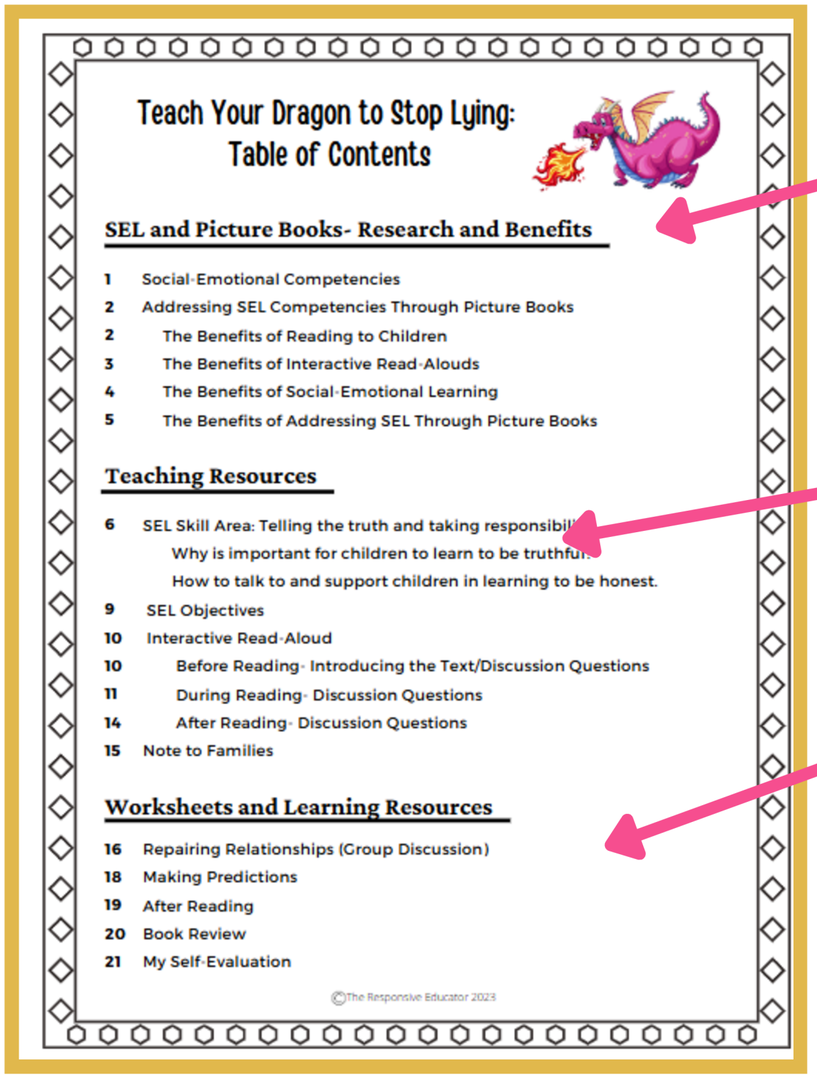


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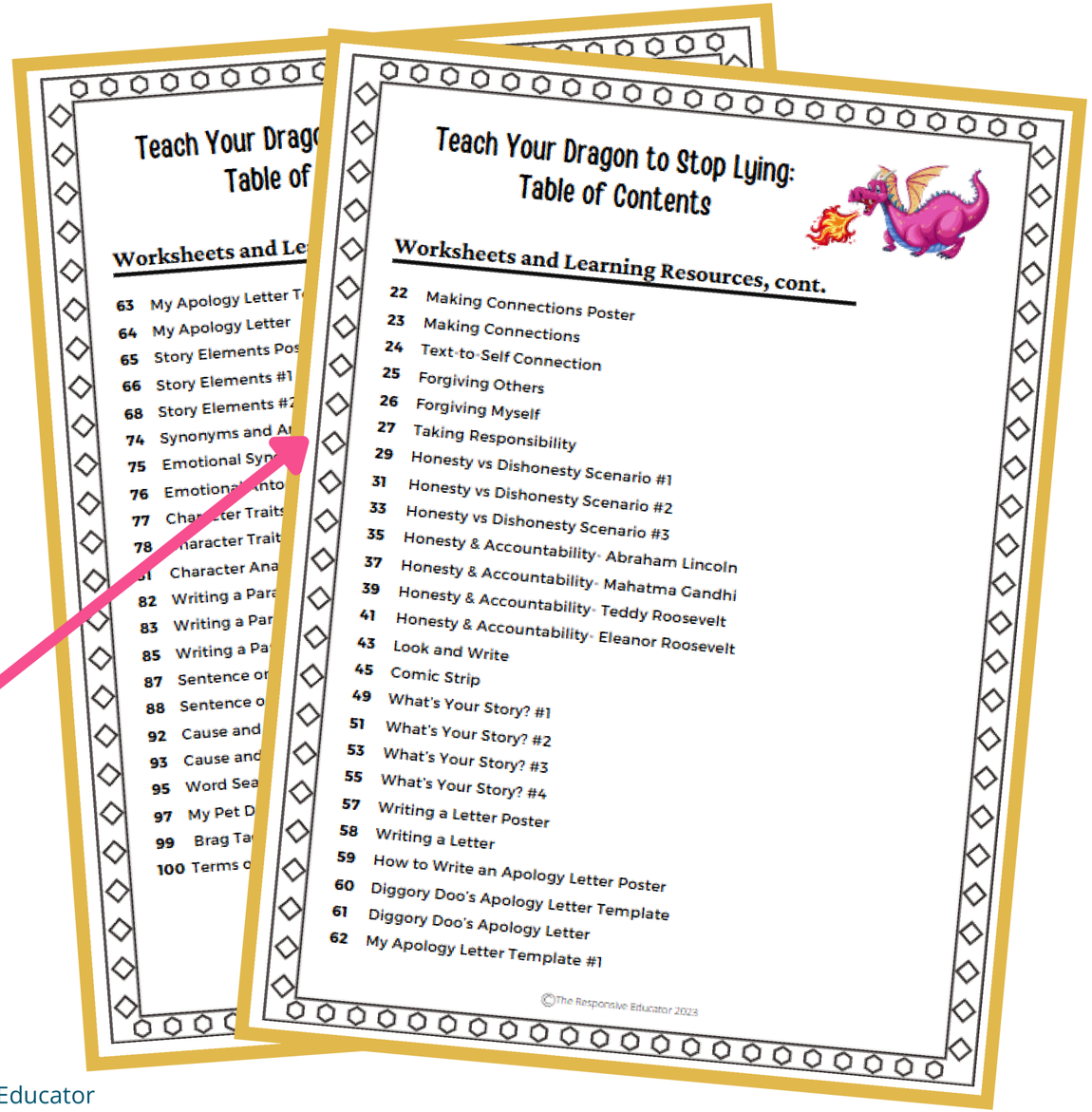
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