GOALS TO INSTRUCTION

From Goals on an IEP to Targeted Instruction

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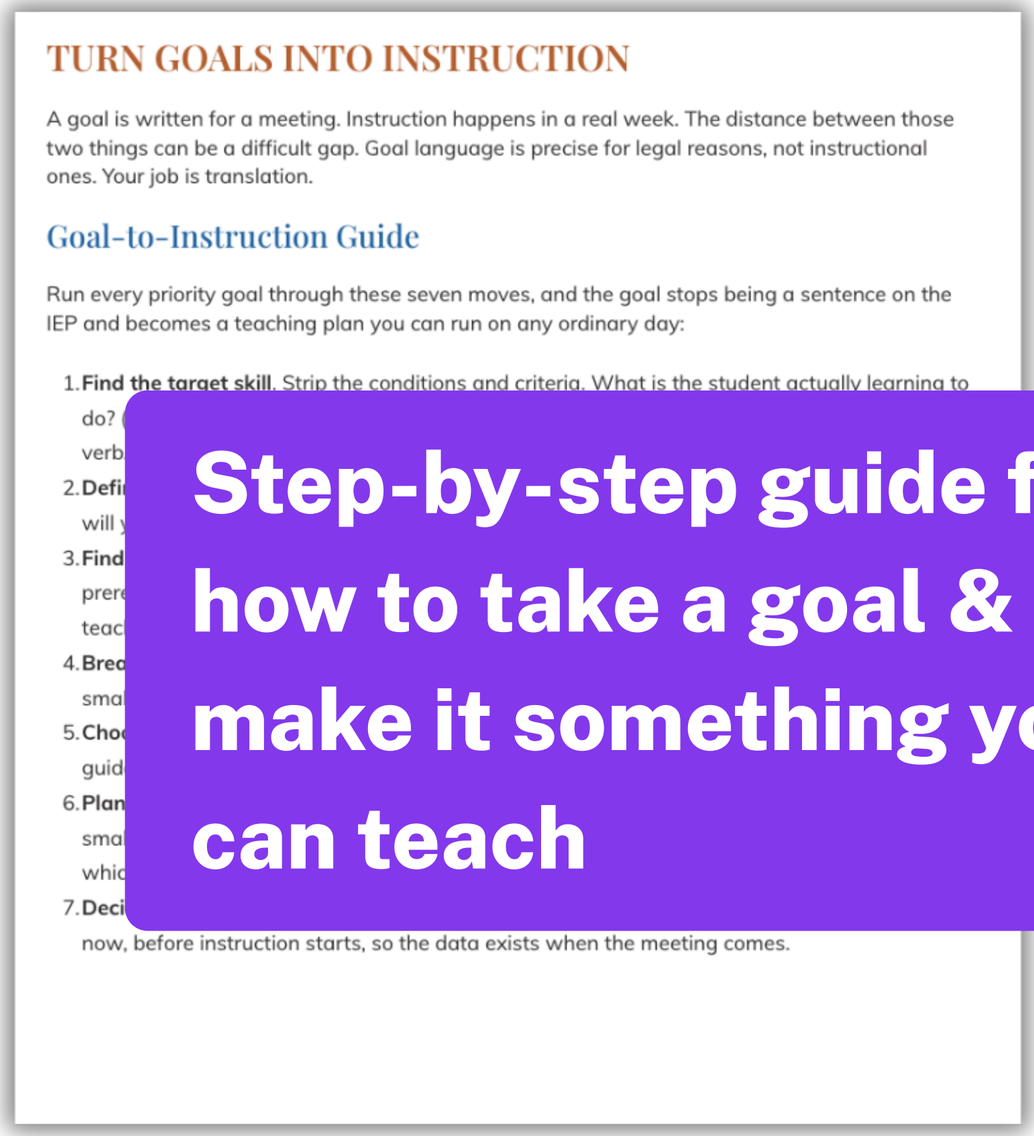
GOALS-TO-INSTRUCTION GUIDE

GOAL UNPACKING TOOL

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WEEKLY GOAL-TO-LESSON PLANNER

MOVE FROM GOALS TO INSTRUCTION



TURN GOALS INTO INSTRUCTION

A goal is written for a meeting. Instruction happens in a real week. The distance between those two things can be a difficult gap. Goal language is precise for legal reasons, not instructional ones. Your job is translation.

Goal-to-Instruction Guide

Run every priority goal through these seven moves, and the goal stops being a sentence on the IEP and becomes a teaching plan you can run on any ordinary day:

1. **Find the target skill.** Strip the conditions and criteria. What is the student actually learning to do? (
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now, before instruction starts, so the data exists when the meeting comes.

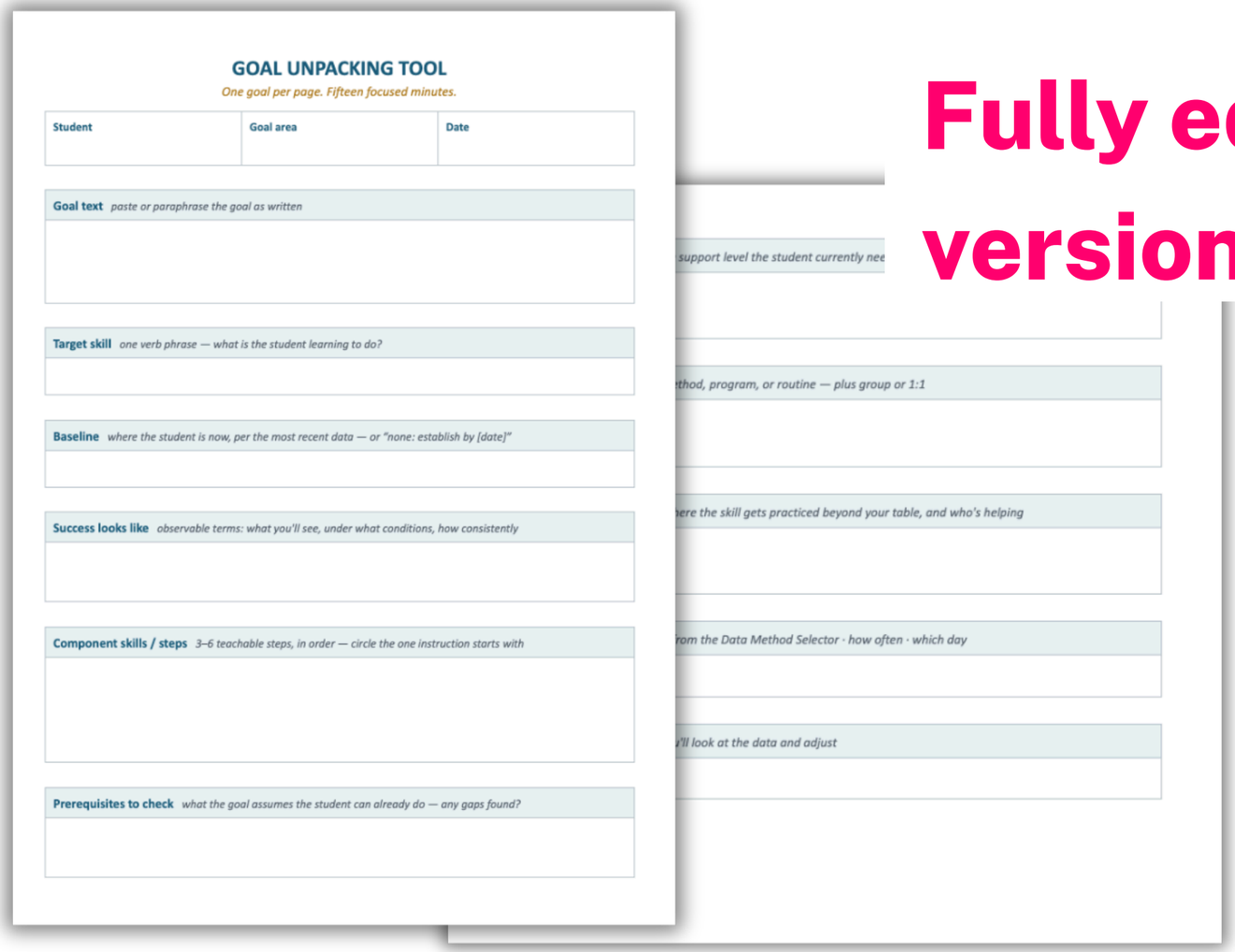
Step-by-step guide for how to take a goal & make it something you can teach

SPED teachers

Tier 2 Intervention

Tier 3 Intervention

THE GOAL UNPACKING TOOL TAKES YOU THROUGH EACH STEP



GOAL UNPACKING TOOL

One goal per page. Fifteen focused minutes.

Student	Goal area	Date

Goal text *paste or paraphrase the goal as written*

Target skill *one verb phrase — what is the student learning to do?*

Baseline *where the student is now, per the most recent data — or "none: establish by [date]"*

Success looks like *observable terms: what you'll see, under what conditions, how consistently*

Component skills / steps *3–6 teachable steps, in order — circle the one instruction starts with*

Prerequisites to check *what the goal assumes the student can already do — any gaps found?*

support level the student currently nee

thod, program, or routine — plus group or 1:1

here the skill gets practiced beyond your table, and who's helping

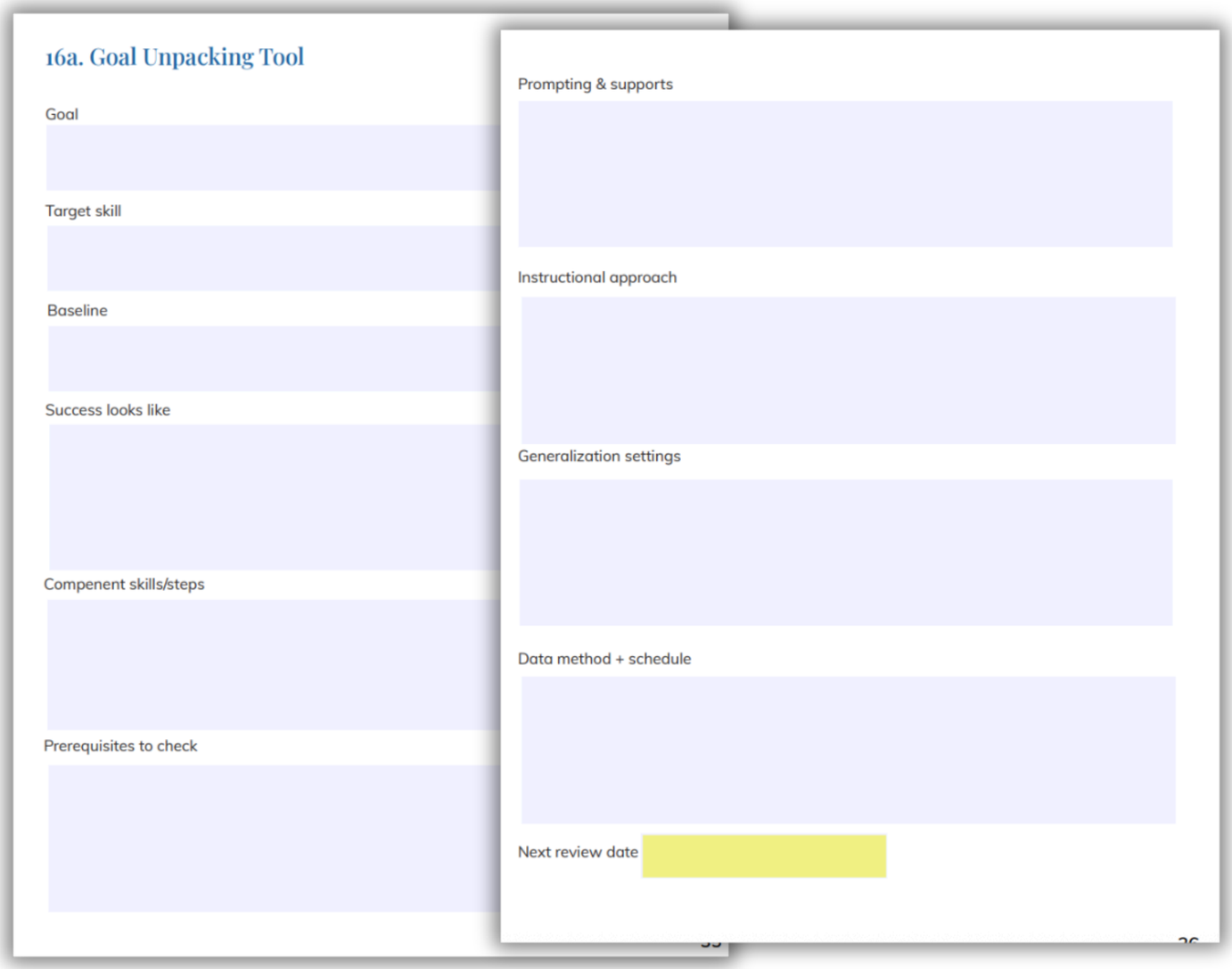
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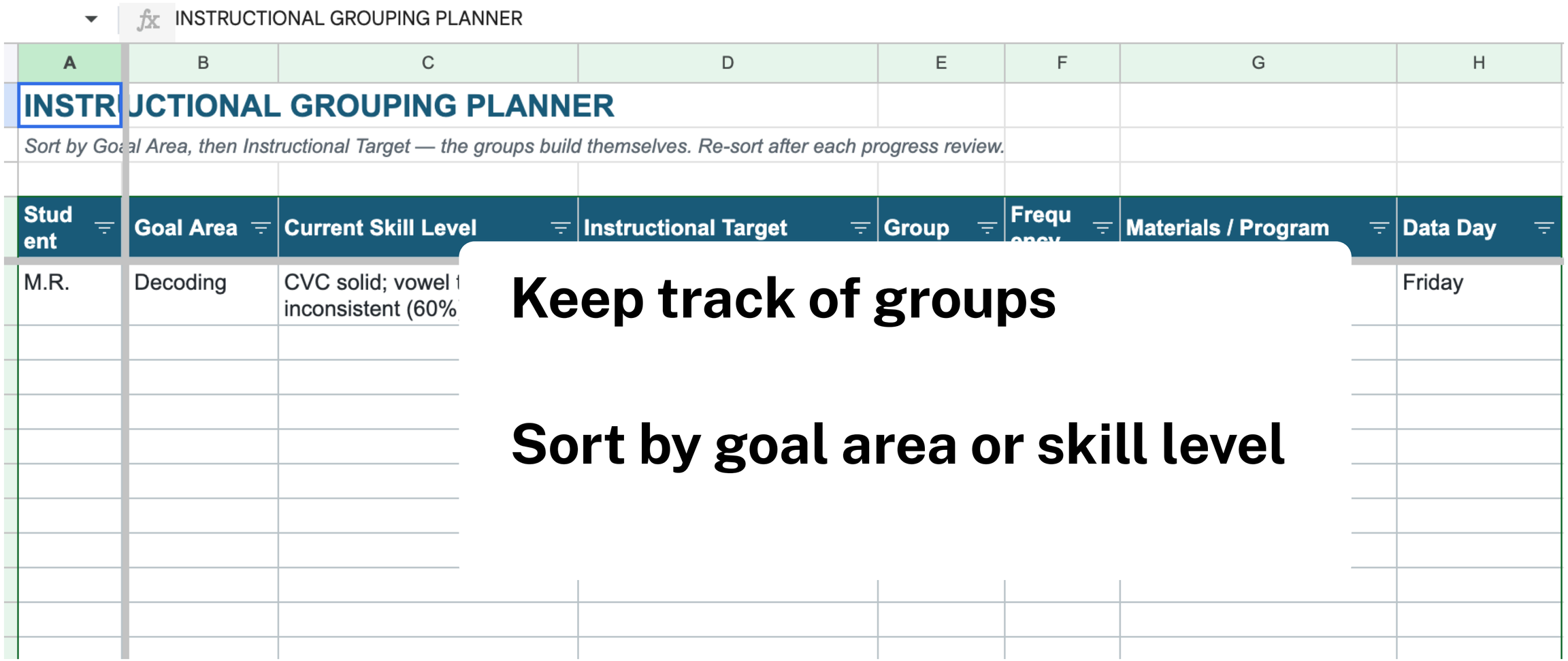
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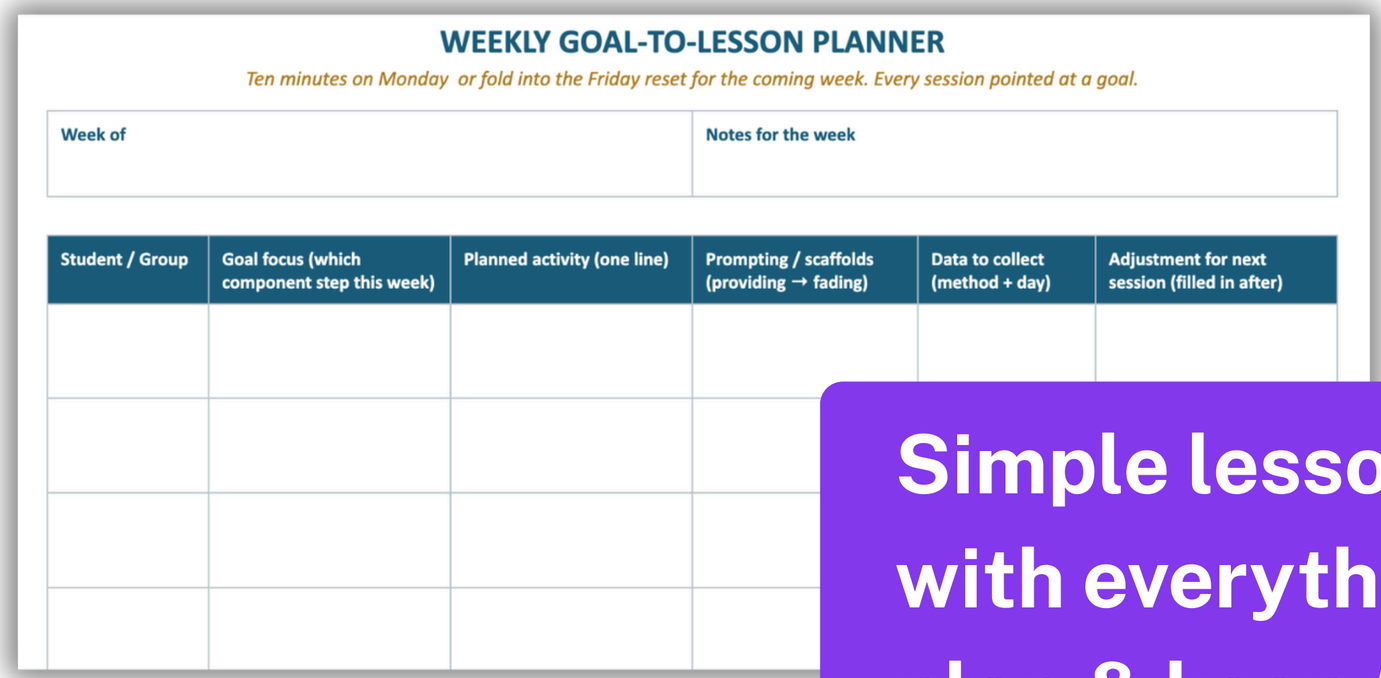


Use the format that works best for you

INSTRUCTIONAL GROUPING PLANNER



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Ten minutes on Monday or fold into the Friday reset for the coming week. Every session pointed at a goal.

Week of	Notes for the week

Student / Group	Goal focus (which component step this week)	Planned activity (one line)	Prompting / scaffolds (providing → fading)	Data to collect (method + day)	Adjustment for next session (filled in after)

Editable Doc

Simple lesson plan template with everything you need to plan & keep track of assessments



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