

Activity Goal:

Students listen and attend to a story introducing the monthly unit and participate by matching and/or receptively identifying pictures related to the theme.

Embedded Skill Targets:

Curricular Area	Learning Spectrum		
	Essential	Intermediate	Advanced
Responding to Language and Communicating With Others	Social behavior skills Picture identification	Identifying and describing functional items in a book or manual Answering questions about objects, people, and activities	Identifying and describing multiple functional items in a book or manual Answering yes/no questions Commenting using phrases

Materials:

Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Sophia Has Many Interests" story 	Needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stapler or hole punch Ring for binding purposes (optional) Scissors
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Preparation:

- I. Assemble the book:
 - a. Print and laminate the book pages.
 - b. Hole-punch the top left corner of the pages.
 - c. To bind the book, place a ring through the hole.

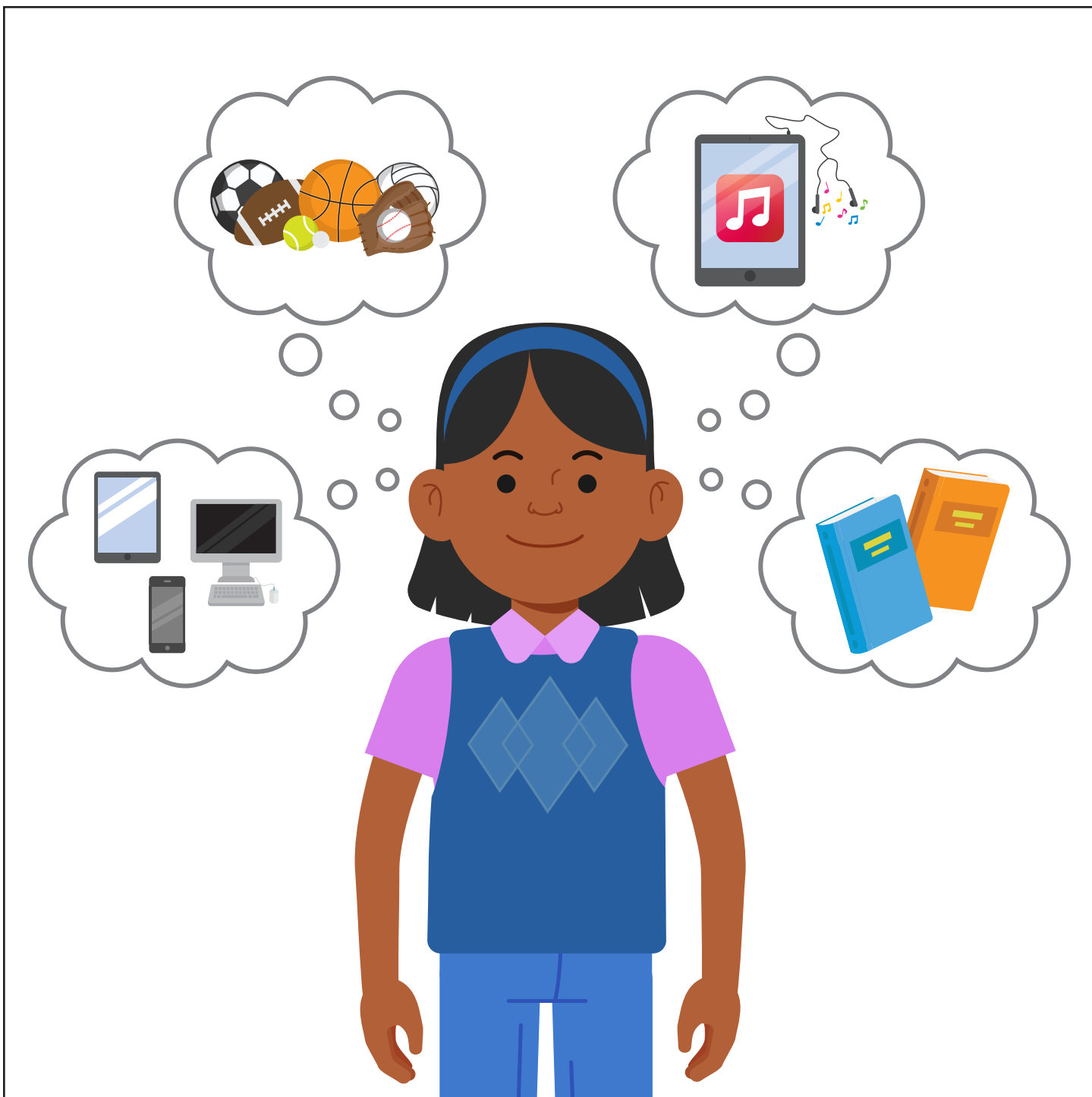
Helpful Learning Tools

- Use the corresponding digital REEL as an alternative or complement to the printable materials.
- Review the Learning Differentiation Guide to individualize this lesson for each student's learning level.

Instructions:

1. Prior to starting the monthly unit, read the story to the class to introduce important theme-related concepts.
2. Throughout the story, ask students to identify important theme-related people, places, actions, and/or items in the story:
 - a. Read the story text.
 - b. Ask students a question about the story text and/or pictures (e.g., "What does Sophia like to do?" or "Who went hiking?").
 - c. Prompt students to answer the question.

Note: Students may answer expressively or receptively by pointing to a part of the story illustration.
3. Continue reading the book throughout the month, increasing the complexity of questions and expected responses as students become more familiar with the unit's theme.



Sophia Has Many Interests



School was out for the summer, and Sophia had extra time for her hobbies. But she didn't know which hobby to do first!



Sophia thought about the things she could do at home. "I could play video games or watch TV. But I do that a lot already on the weekends." So, Sophia kept thinking about her other interests.



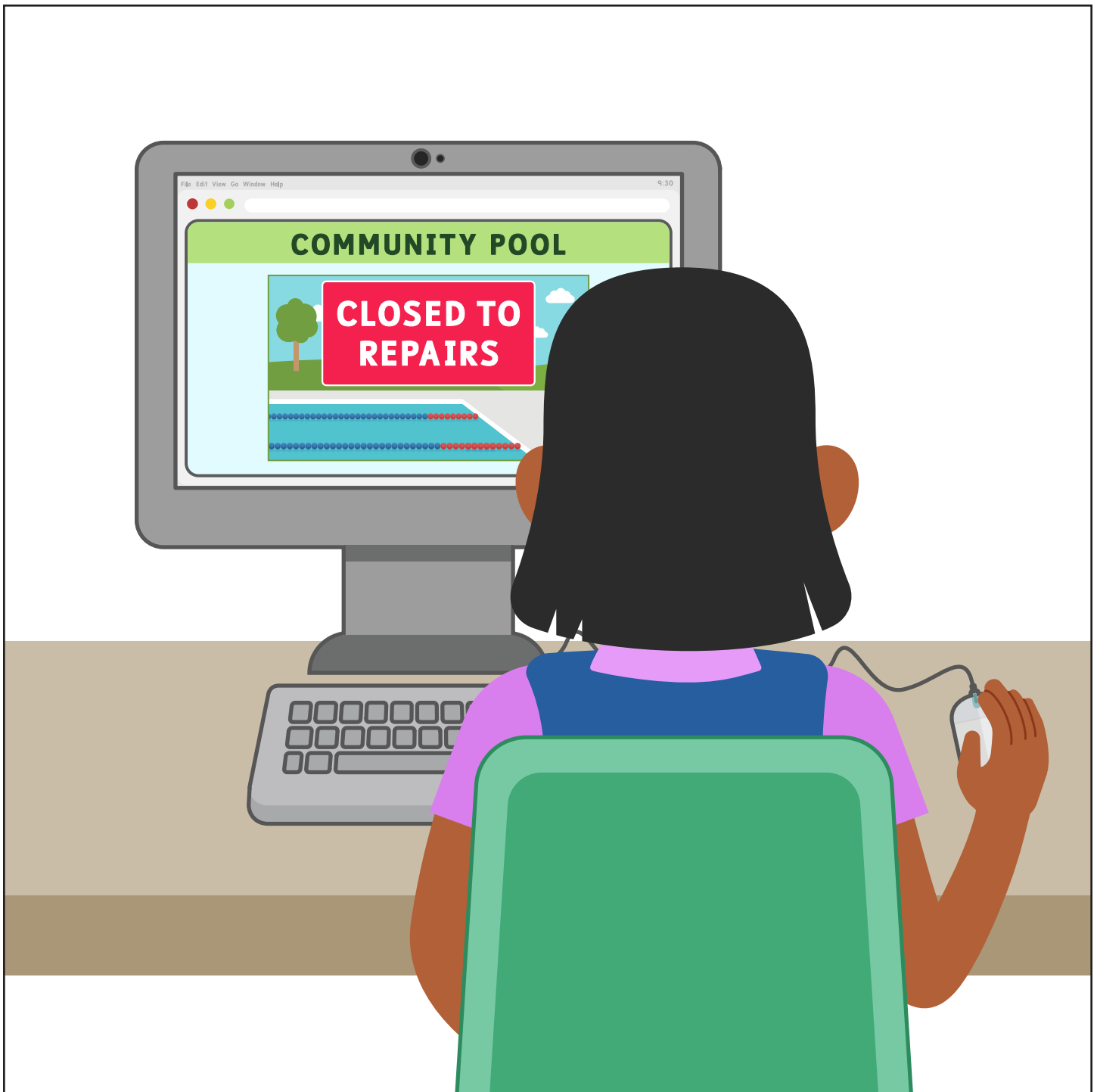
"I really enjoy bowling!" thought Sophia. "I could go to the bowling alley. Or I could go to the movie theater to watch a movie."



Sophia looked out the window and saw the sun shining. "Maybe I should do something outside instead." Then Sophia had an idea!



"I like listening to music! I'll see if there are any concerts scheduled for today!" Sophia thought excitedly. But when she looked online, she saw today's concert was sold out.



"And the community pool says it's closed today for repairs, so I can't go swimming either," sighed Sophia.



Sophia thought about it a little longer and had a new idea. "I'll ask Farah if she wants to hang out!" After texting back and forth, the two friends decided to go hiking.



Before leaving to meet Farah, Sophia grabbed her camera. "I like taking pictures, too, so I'll photograph the things we see in nature today," Sophia thought.



The two friends spent the day hiking, taking pictures, and talking. They even planned to go camping later that summer.



"Today was such a fun day!" Sophia thought once she got home from hiking. "But I have so many interests! Which one should I do tomorrow?!"