



“Share the Road” Folder/Shoebox Games

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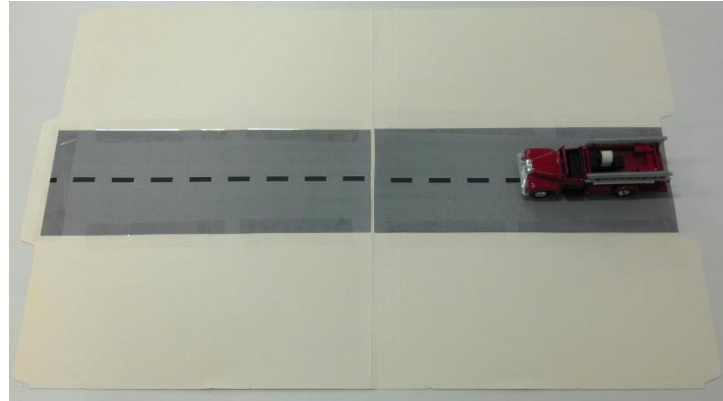
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“Share the Road” Folder Game



Goal: introduce basic sharing and taking turns.

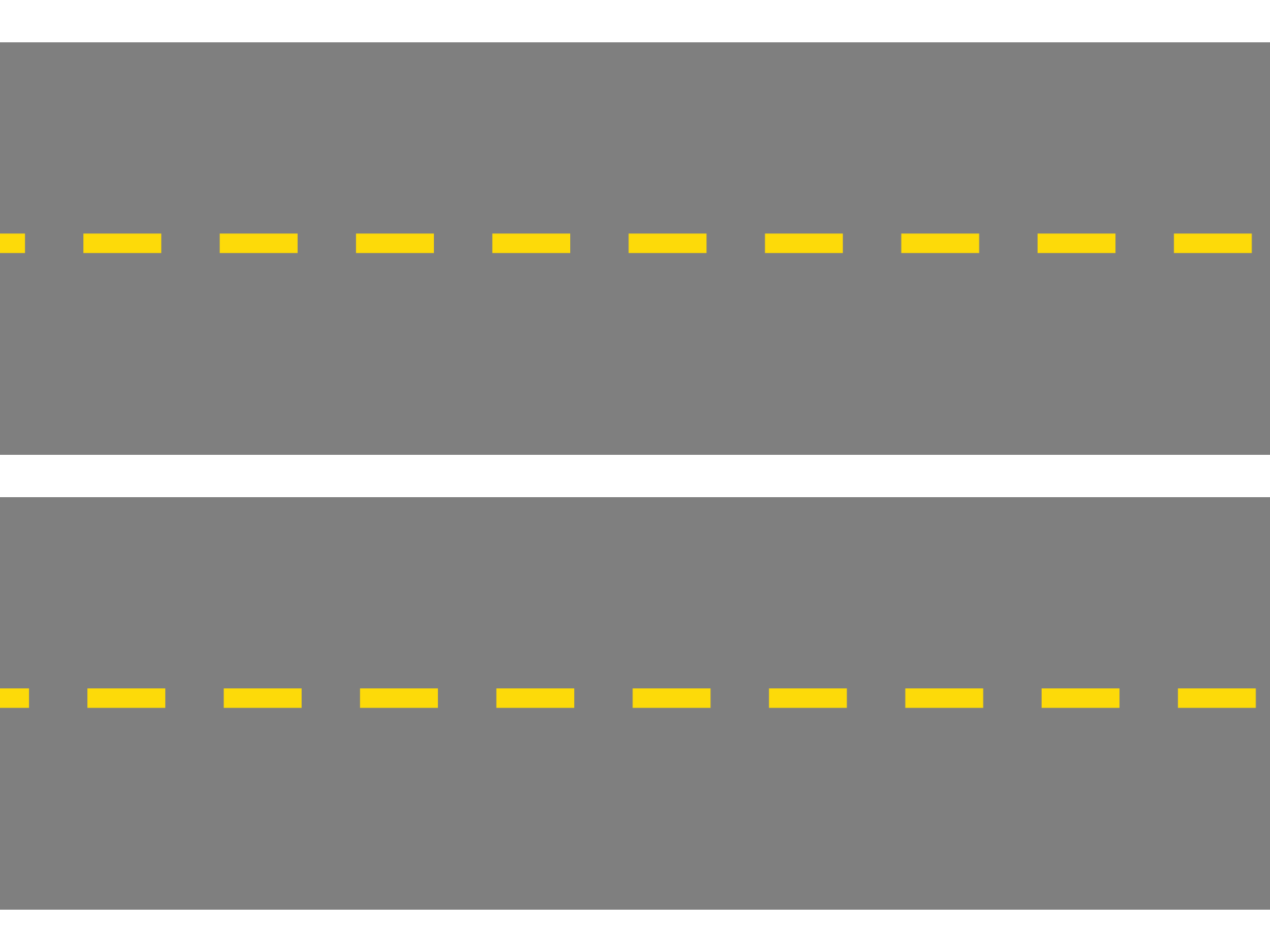
Children sit on opposite sides of the table or on the floor with the open folder in between them.

Children take turns pushing a toy car down the road to the other child, turning the car around, and driving it back to the other child.

Instructions for assembly:

Print page 5 and cut out the road sections. Attach one section to each side of a file folder, leaving a space in the middle so that the folder can be folded. You may need to trim the road printout to fit on the file folder. You can also leave them longer, attach them to each other, laminate, and play with it directly on the floor.

Print this page, cut out the instructions within the dotted line and attach to front of folder.



“Share the Road” Shoebox Games



Goal: introduce taking turns, making play-related statements.

Children sit around the shoebox. Each child has a small container of toy vehicles. With prompting as needed, the first child drives his or her vehicle down the road and into the “garage” (a hole cut in the shoebox lid). The next child then takes a turn to do this same, and they alternate turns back and forth.

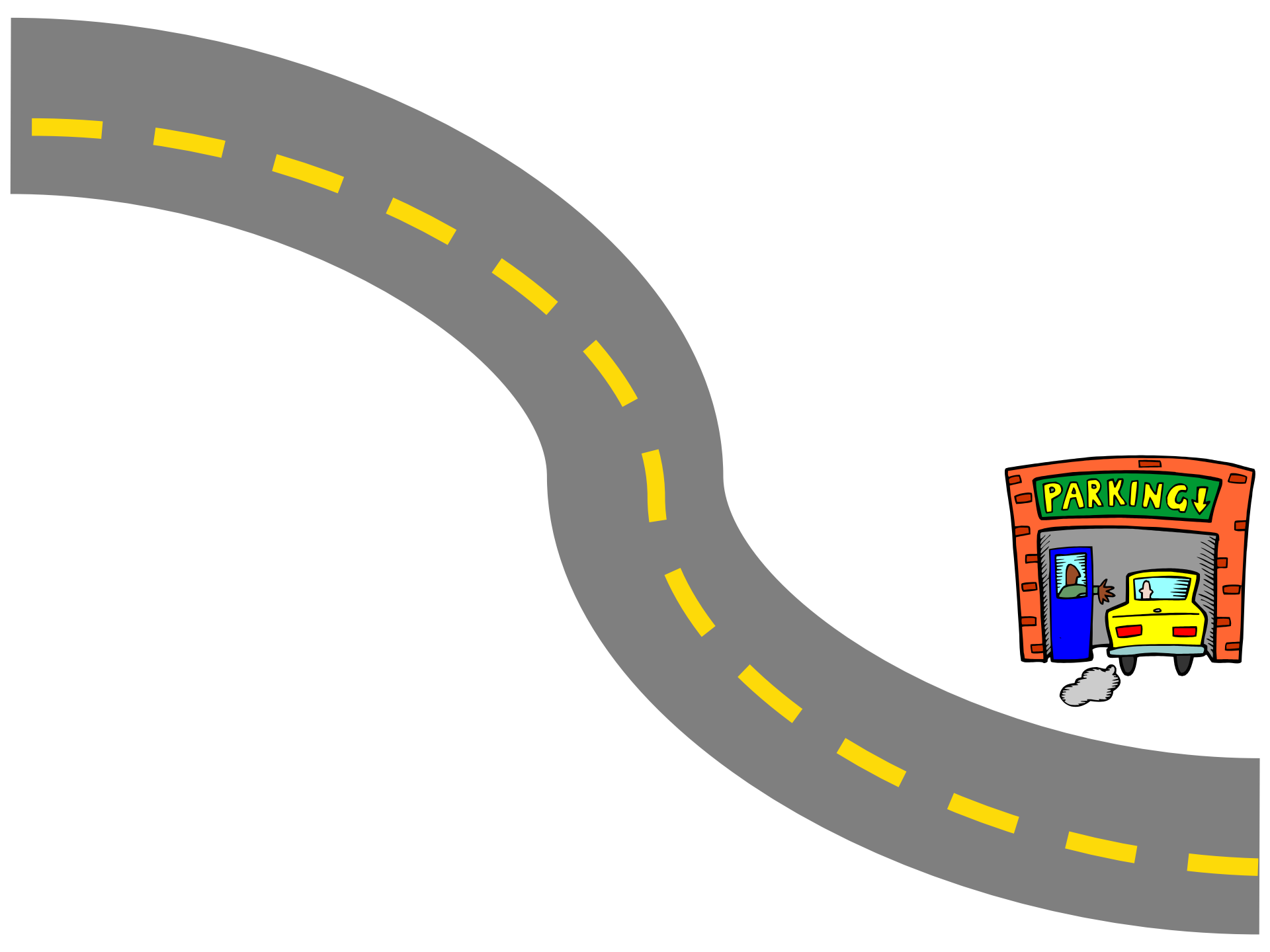
Teachers can also work on having the children make play-related statements or vehicle noises (e.g. “zoom” or “vroom”) while driving the vehicles.

Instructions for assembly:

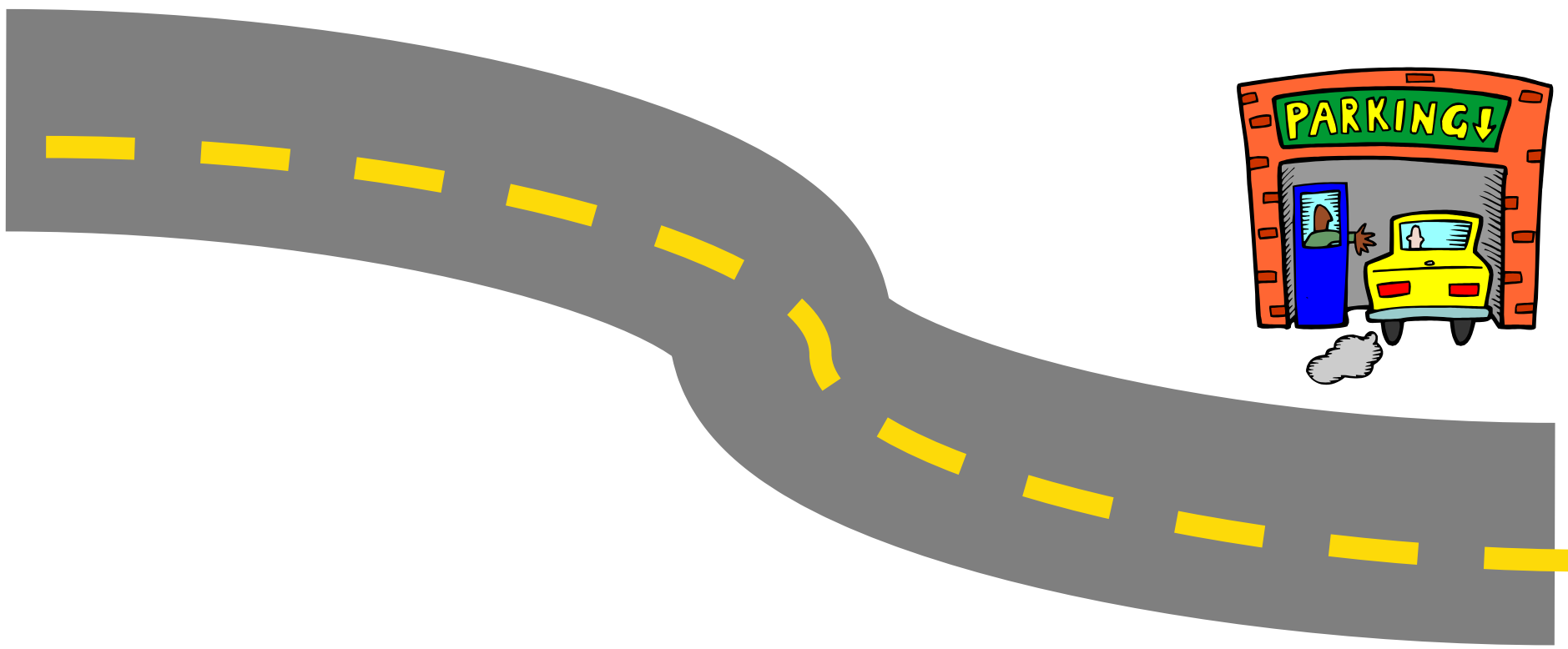
Print and cut out one of the road pages and garage pictures. Cut a hole big enough for a toy car to fit through in the shoebox lid. Attach the garage picture and the road to the shoebox lid.

For a larger shoebox, print page 7. For a smaller shoebox, print page 8.

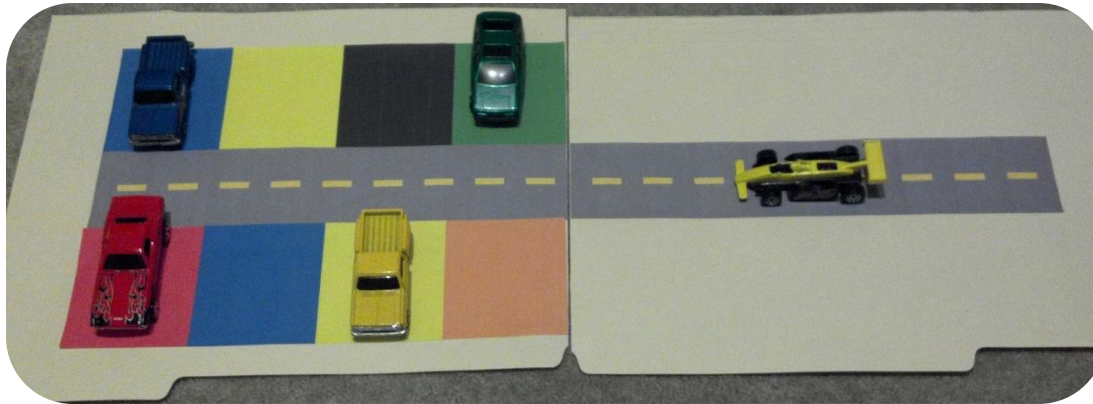
Print this page, cut out the instructions within the dotted line and attach to inside of shoebox. The small containers of vehicles can be stored in the shoebox when not in use.



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“Share the Road” Color Match Folder Game



Goals: introduce basic taking turns, match colors.

Children sit on opposite sides of the table or on the floor with the open folder in between them.

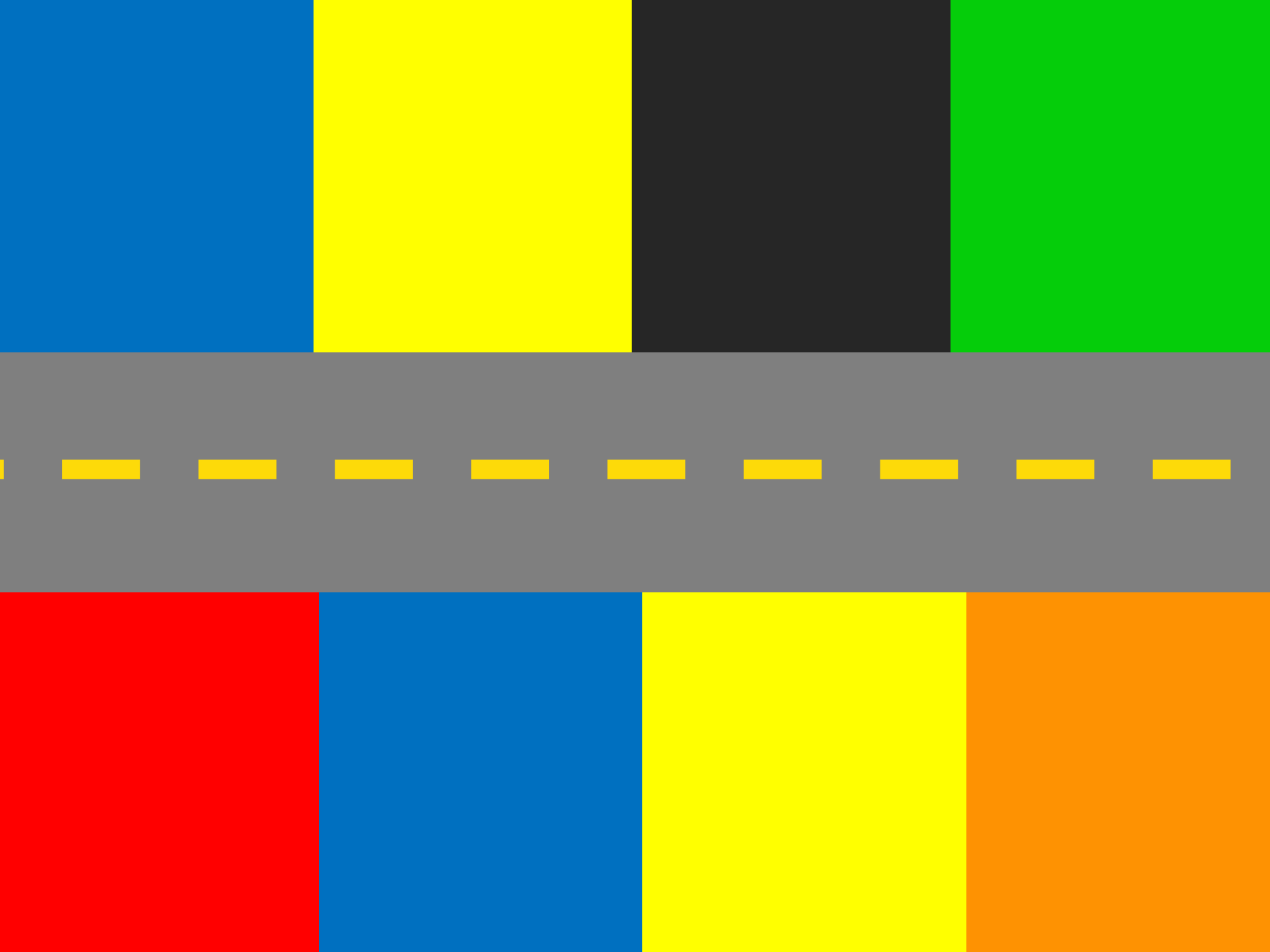
Children take turns pushing a toy car down the road to park it in a parking space that matches the color of the car.

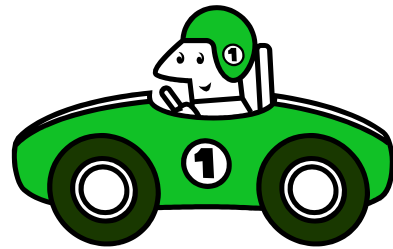
Instructions for assembly:

Cut a file folder in half. Print page 10 and paste on one side of the file folder. Print page 11 and cut out the road section. Attach the road section to the other side of the file folder. Lay the file folder pieces side to side and laminate them together. Get a small toy car for each color and have the children drive the car along the road to a parking place that matches its color.

You can also use the cards from page 11 and attach Velcro to create a color match folder game without using toy cars.

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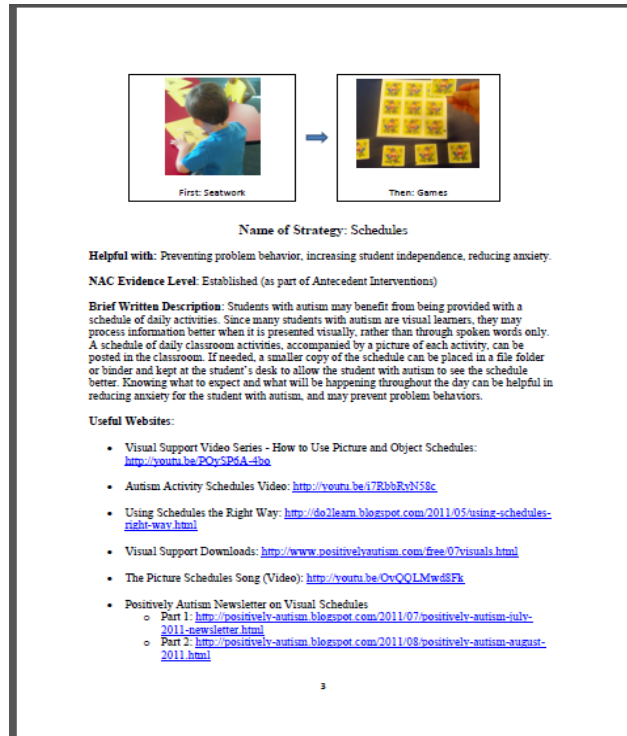
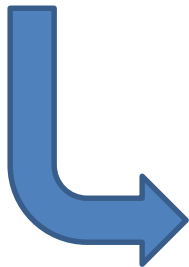


Autism Strategies Toolbox:

A Handout for Training and Quick Reference

The Autism Strategies Toolbox is a helpful handout for staff training, college classes, and quick reference for both parents and educators. It includes information and helpful resources on effective, research-based autism teaching strategies. I've used it when teaching a college class for future teachers, and found that it gives them a great set of teaching tools that they can use in their careers.

Sample Pages



Name of Strategy: Schedules

Helpful with: Preventing problem behavior, increasing student independence, reducing anxiety.

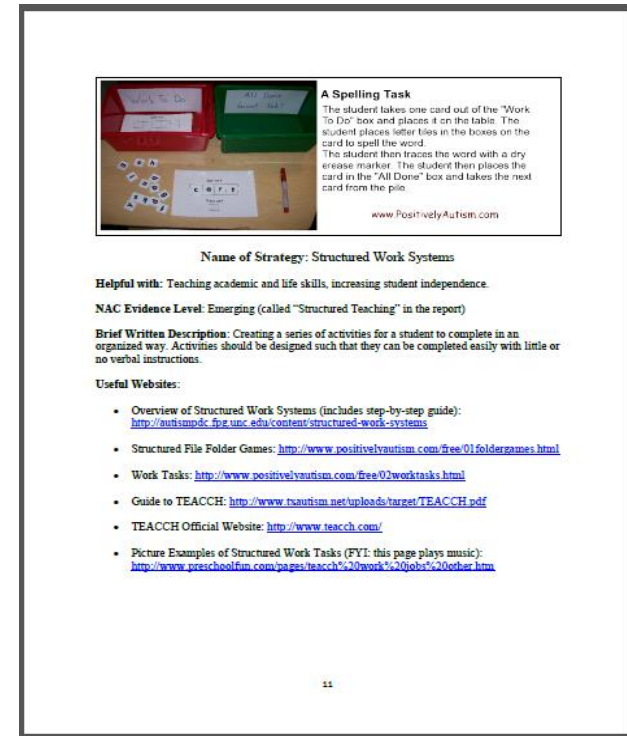
NAC Evidence Level: Established (as part of Antecedent Interventions)

Brief Written Description: Students with autism may benefit from being provided with a schedule of daily activities. Since many students with autism are visual learners, they may process information better when it is presented visually, rather than through spoken words only. A schedule of daily classroom activities, accompanied by a picture of each activity, can be posted in the classroom. If needed, a smaller copy of the schedule can be placed in a file folder or binder and kept at the student's desk to allow the student with autism to see the schedule better. Knowing what to expect and what will be happening throughout the day can be helpful in reducing anxiety for the student with autism, and may prevent problem behaviors.

Useful Websites:

- Visual Support Video Series - How to Use Picture and Object Schedules: <http://youtu.be/2Oy5P6A-4ba>
- Autism Activity Schedules Video: <http://youtu.be/7RbbRvN58c>
- Using Schedules the Right Way: <http://do2learn.blogspot.com/2011/05/using-schedules-right-way.html>
- Visual Support Downloads: <http://www.positivelyautism.com/free/07visuals.html>
- The Picture Schedules Song (Video): <http://youtu.be/OvQOLMwd8Fk>
- Positively Autism Newsletter on Visual Schedules
 - Part 1: <http://positively-autism.blogspot.com/2011/07/positively-autism-july-2011-newsletter.html>
 - Part 2: <http://positively-autism.blogspot.com/2011/08/positively-autism-august-2011.html>

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Name of Strategy: Structured Work Systems

Helpful with: Teaching academic and life skills, increasing student independence.

NAC Evidence Level: Emerging (called "Structured Teaching" in the report)

Brief Written Description: Creating a series of activities for a student to complete in an organized way. Activities should be designed such that they can be completed easily with little or no verbal instructions.

Useful Websites:

- Overview of Structured Work Systems (includes step-by-step guide): <http://autismprdc.fpe.usnc.edu/content/structured-work-systems>
- Structured File Folder Games: <http://www.positivelyautism.com/free/01foldergames.html>
- Work Tasks: <http://www.positivelyautism.com/free/02worktasks.html>
- Guide to TEACCH: <http://www.txautism.net/uploads/target/TEACCH.pdf>
- TEACCH Official Website: <http://www.teacch.com/>
- Picture Examples of Structured Work Tasks (FYI: this page plays music): <http://www.prschoolfun.com/pages/teacch%20work%20jobs%20other.htm>

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