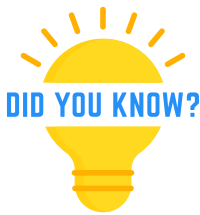


Token-Based Visual Support



A **token-based task accomplishment system** is a visual system where students earn small “tokens” (stars, dots, pictures, checkmarks) for active participation or task completion. Once the board is filled, the student exchanges the tokens for a chosen item or activity. It’s a predictable, concrete way to show progress toward something motivating.



A token board **works best when it’s personalized** to the student. Students should be able to choose an item or activity that feels meaningful, motivating, and worth working toward – not just something the adult chooses. When students make choices that truly matters to them, the token board becomes a supportive tool rather than a compliance tool.



Token-based systems are a visual encouragement to help students accomplish a task, with a fun item or activity in sight. However, these types of tools can easily be misused as a means to force “compliance” during an activity. Token-based systems are not inherently negative. We all use them to encourage ourselves to accomplish tasks we NEED to do by envisioning the reward at the end.

Tokens should never be taken away once earned.

YOUR positive attitude and support is the MOST important piece of this! Point out the successful progress towards the goal and celebrate together!





ASSEMBLY & USE DIRECTIONS

1

Print

Print pages 3–5 single-sided at Actual Size or 100%. Use cardstock when possible.

2

Protect

Laminate the “I am working for” card, tokens, and activity cards. Clear contact paper also works.

3

Cut

Cut out the “I am working for” card, tokens, and reinforcement cards.

4

Add Velcro

On the “I am working for” card, add Velcro (loop, soft side) to the “My Choice” box, as well as to the token boxes. Keep the sides consistent.

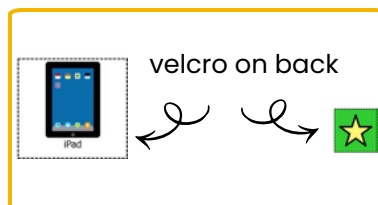
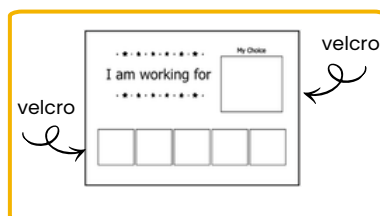
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Choose and place activity cards

Allow student to choose what they are working for and attach symbol to the chart. Student can choose and earn tokens to obtain motivating item or activity.

MATERIALS

Cardstock
Laminator or contact paper
Scissors or paper cutter
Hook-and-loop Velcro



Keep small pieces and cutting tools under adult supervision.

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My Choice

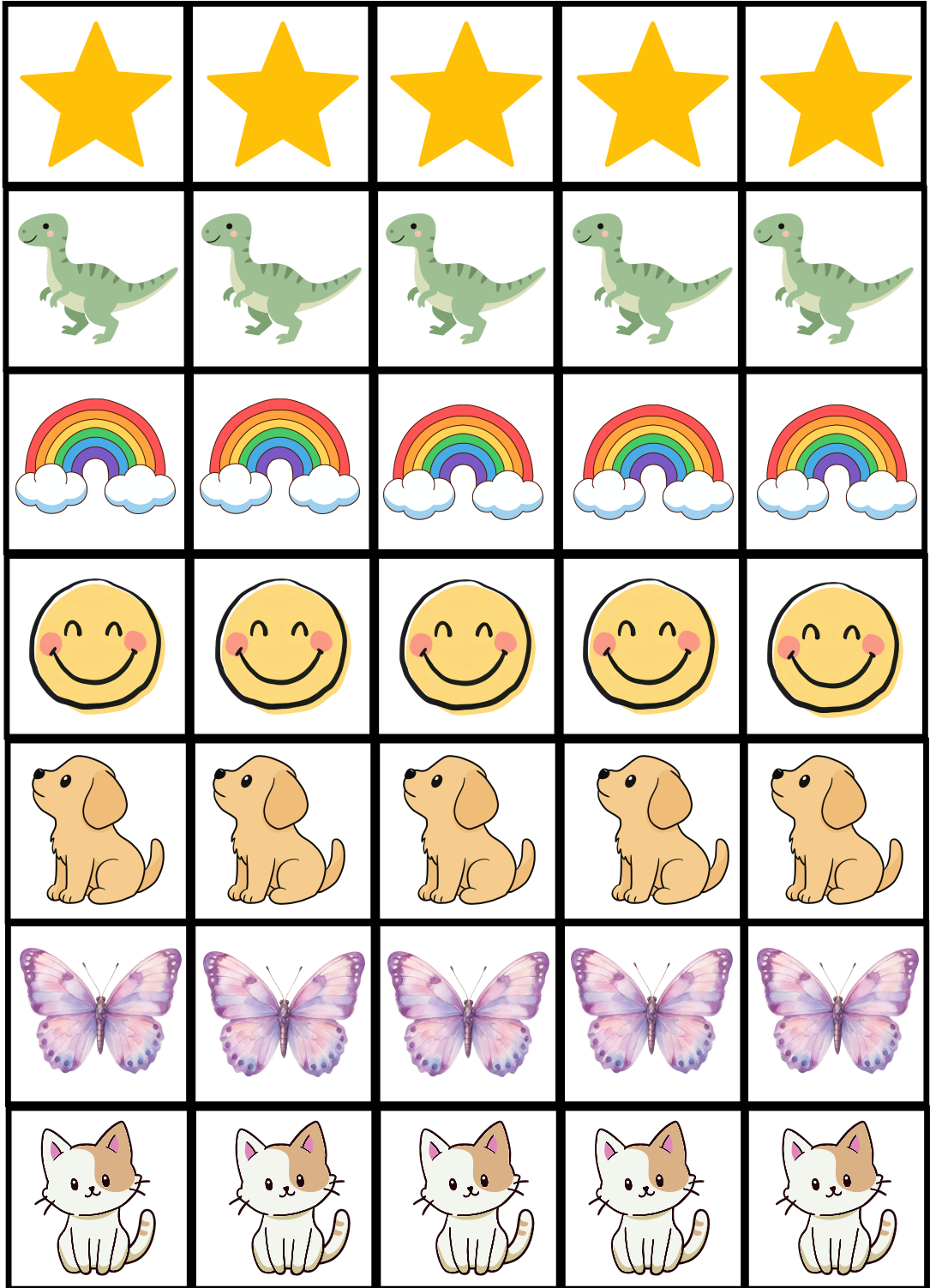
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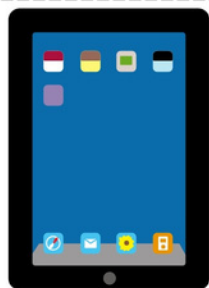


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Tokens



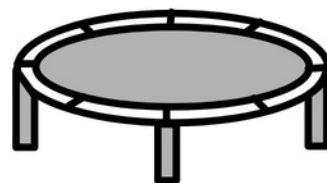
My Choice Cards



iPad



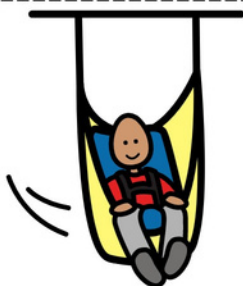
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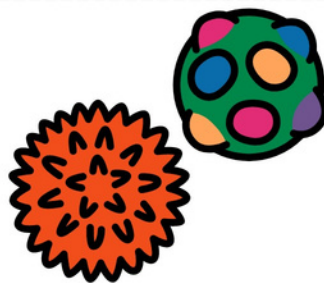
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video game



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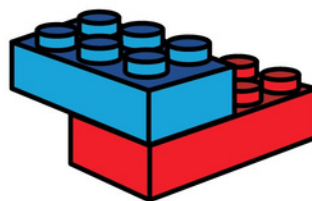
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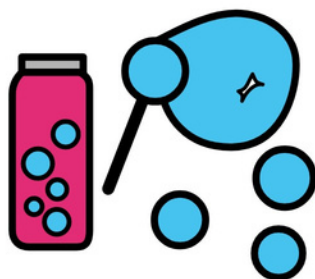
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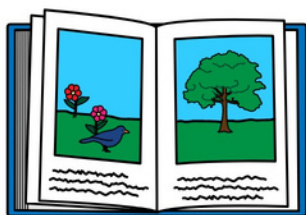
walk



legos



bubbles



book



special

Tip: Use this template to create additional choice cards.

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