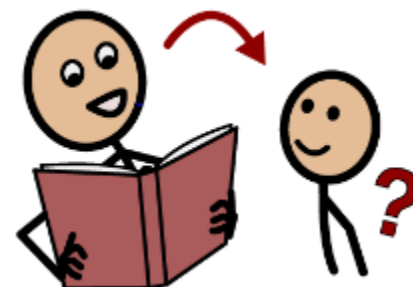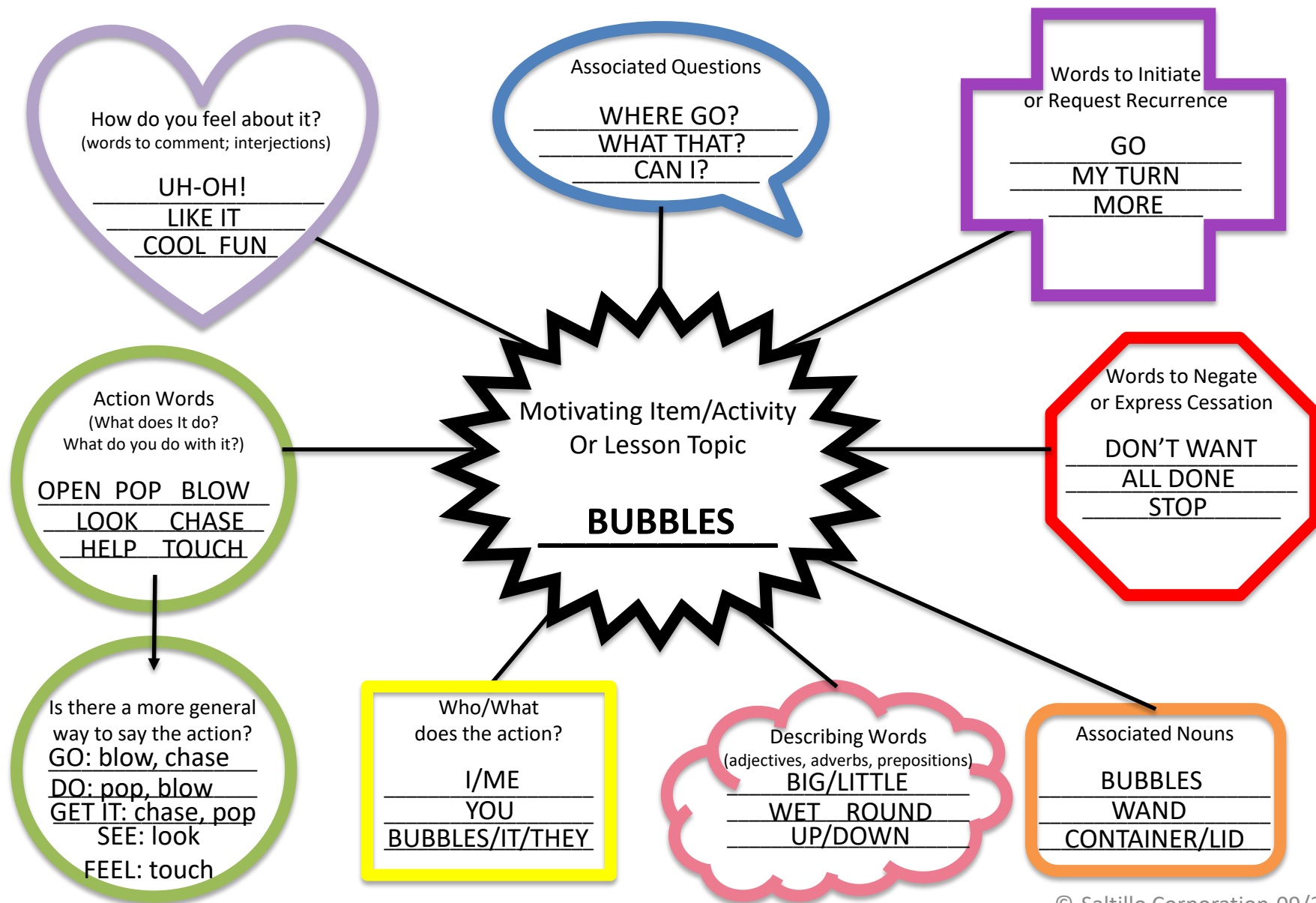# Choosing Activity First

Choosing Core:

selecting activity first

- We have created this tool to help you think through activities and target use of core vocabulary.
- Some activities are filled out. These are just ideas, feel free to adapt to the child's and your style/level.
- You will also find a document for moving beyond one word. This will include communication scripts to help you think through the communicative functions to participate in the activities.
- Steps to complete:
  - Pick a motivating activity/topic
  - Fill in words in the different sections
  - Think through the script: what does the communication partner need to say to elicit the targeted vocabulary? Consider the different language functions.
  - Have Fun!

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Motivating Item/Activity Or Lesson Topic

BUBBLES _____

How do you feel about it?
(words to comment; interjections)

_____ UH-OH! _____
_____ LIKE IT _____
_____ COOL FUN _____

Associated Questions

_____ WHERE GO? _____
_____ WHAT THAT? _____
_____ CAN I? _____

Words to Initiate or Request Recurrence

_____ GO _____
_____ MY TURN _____
_____ MORE _____

Action Words
(What does It do? What do you do with it?)

_ OPEN POP BLOW _
__ LOOK   CHASE __
__ HELP   TOUCH __

Is there a more general way to say the action?
GO: blow, chase _____
DO: pop, blow _____
GET IT: chase, pop
SEE: look
FEEL: touch

Who/What does the action?

_____ I/ME _____
_____ YOU _____
_____ BUBBLES/IT/THEY _____

Describing Words
(adjectives, adverbs, prepositions)

BIG/LITTLE
WET   ROUND
UP/DOWN

Associated Nouns

BUBBLES
WAND
CONTAINER/LID

Words to Negate or Express Cessation

_____ DON'T WANT _____
_____ ALL DONE _____
_____ STOP _____

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MOVING BEYOND ONE WORD

ACTIVITY ____bubbles____

(1) **Copy the Words from "Choosing CORE Vocabulary" Worksheet**

Like, it, cool, fun, pop, blow, look, chase, touch, go, do, get, see, feel, where, go, what, that, can, I, me, you, my, turn, more, want, all done, stop, uh-oh!, open, help, up, down, round, big, wet, little,

(3) **Write what the communication partner needs to say/do in order to get the child to say the phrase on the right.**

(2) **Come up with as many different 2+ word combinations using the above words and write them below. Add words as needed.**

COMMUNICATION SCRIPT

*I have something in my bag.

*Bubbles! What should we do?

*(blowing bubbles) Where should the bubbles go?   Big or little?

*What do you think?

*I like little bubbles. How do they feel?

*Should we do more or stop?

PHRASES/SENTENCES

What in/side?   open   I look

Open   help   play   blow   see

Up   down   big bubble   little

I like it!   Cool!   This is fun.   See up

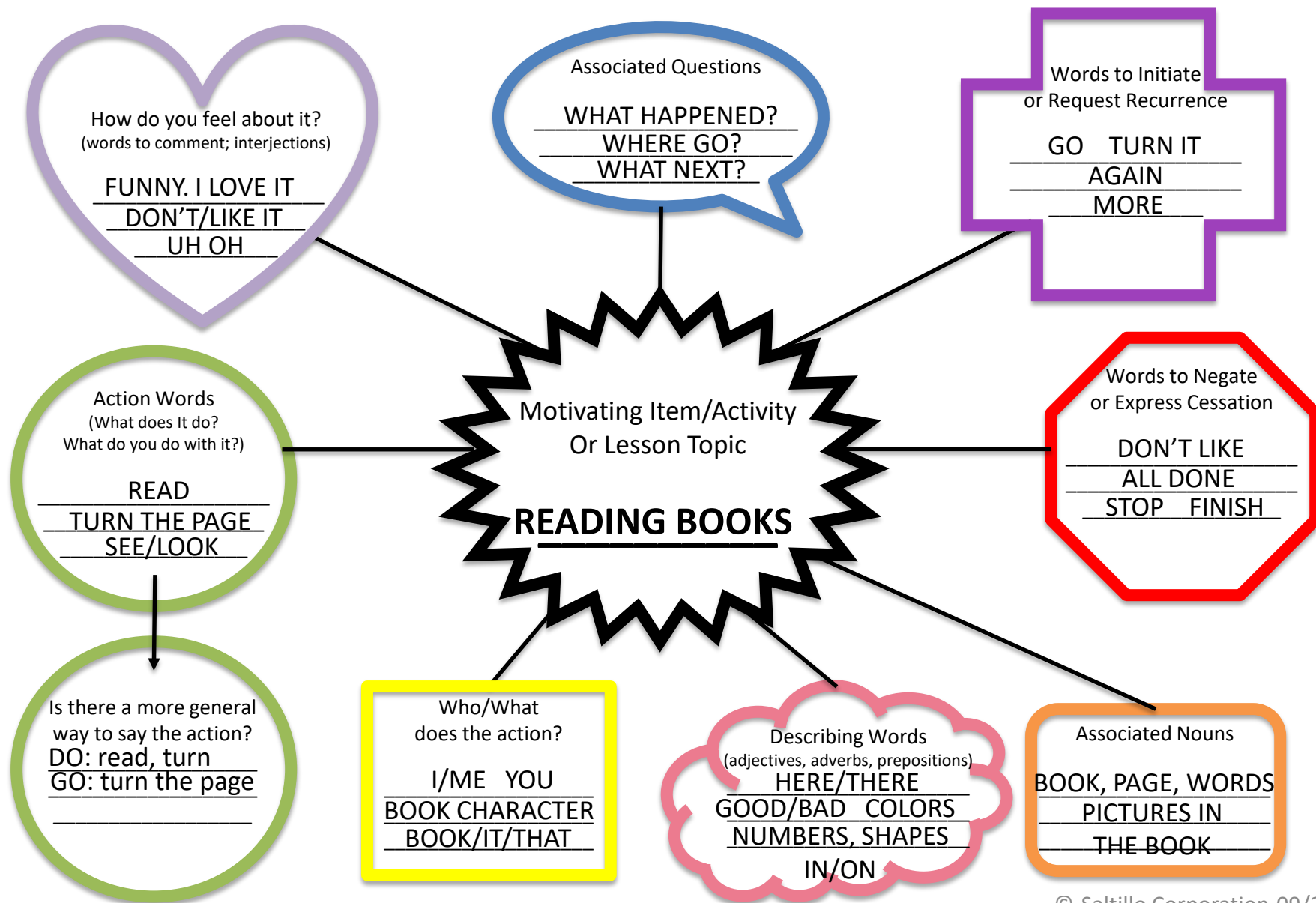Feel wet   touch more   get wet

I want touch   do more   my turn

(4) **Review the phrases and make sure you have included several different functions of communication:**
Request (Object, Action, Help, Recurrence), Comment, Ask Question, Accept/Reject, Label, Exclaim, Express Feelings, Call/Greet

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How do you feel about it?
(words to comment; interjections)

FUNNY. I LOVE IT
DON'T/LIKE IT
UH OH

Associated Questions

WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE GO?
WHAT NEXT?

Words to Initiate or Request Recurrence

GO   TURN IT
AGAIN
MORE

Action Words
(What does It do?
What do you do with it?)

READ
TURN THE PAGE
SEE/LOOK

Motivating Item/Activity Or Lesson Topic

READING BOOKS

Words to Negate or Express Cessation

DON'T LIKE
ALL DONE
STOP   FINISH

Is there a more general way to say the action?
DO: read, turn
GO: turn the page

Who/What does the action?

I/ME   YOU
BOOK CHARACTER
BOOK/IT/THAT

Describing Words
(adjectives, adverbs, prepositions)
HERE/THERE
GOOD/BAD   COLORS
NUMBERS, SHAPES
IN/ON

Associated Nouns

BOOK, PAGE, WORDS
PICTURES IN
THE BOOK

MOVING BEYOND ONE WORD

ACTIVITY_____

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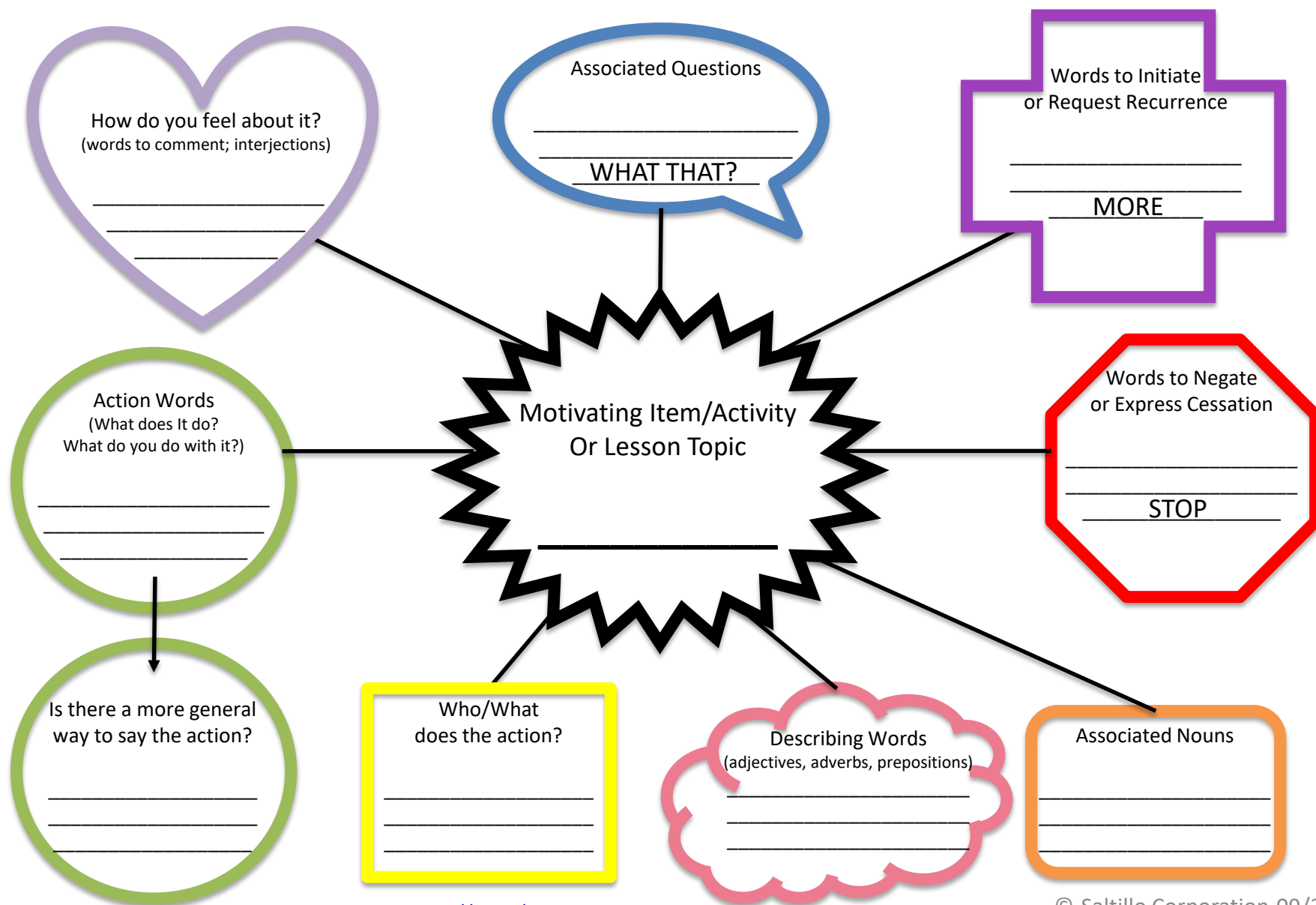
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PHRASES/SENTENCES

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How do you feel about it?
(words to comment; interjections)

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_____

Associated Questions

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_____
WHAT THAT?

Words to Initiate or Request Recurrence

_____
_____
MORE

Action Words
(What does It do?
What do you do with it?)

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Motivating Item/Activity Or Lesson Topic

_____

Words to Negate or Express Cessation

_____
_____
STOP

Is there a more general way to say the action?

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Who/What does the action?

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Describing Words
(adjectives, adverbs, prepositions)

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Associated Nouns

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MOVING BEYOND ONE WORD   ACTIVITY_____

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