

## Powering up

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#### **Launch Party Plan**

- · What's new?
- Overview of lesson components
- Dos and Don'ts

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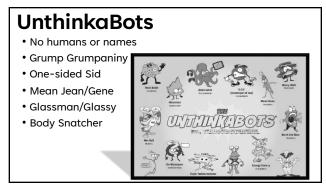
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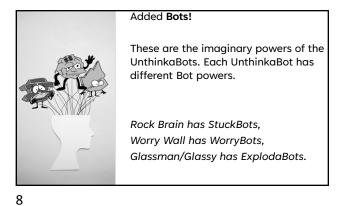
Why 2nd Edition?

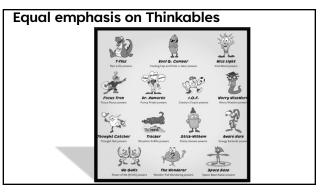
- Need for SEAL curriculum to bridge between Tier 1,2, and 3
- Outdated language and images
- Incorrect teaching
- UnthinkaBot vs. Unthinkable
- Curriculum teaching parameters clearer to promote fidelity and research.



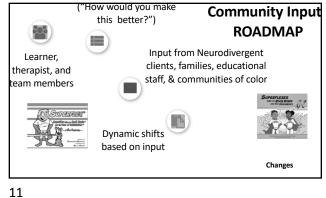








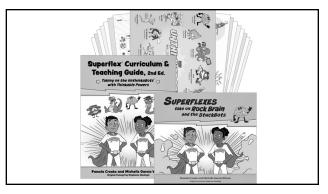


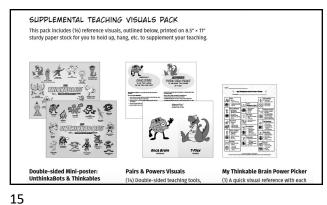


We also want to express our deep appreciation to the Neurodivergent speech-language professionals who were not only the inspiration for changing some of the terms in this curriculum but have also influenced how we teach and write about the Social Thinking® Methodology as a whole.

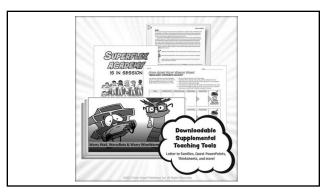
## What's in my kit?

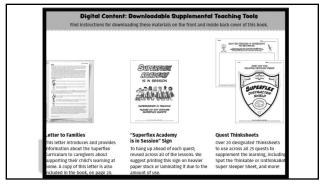
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### Overview of lesson (QUEST) components

25 Total Lessons (Quests)

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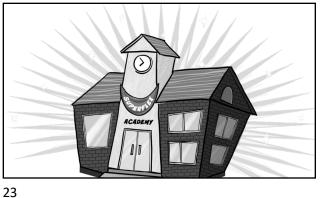
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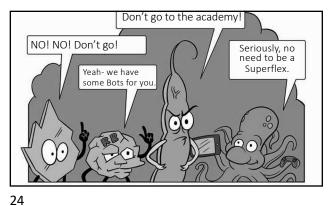


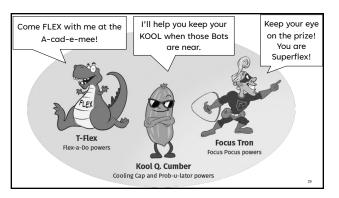
You are a Superflex Academy instructor who will guide students enrolled in the Superflex Academy through a series of quests.

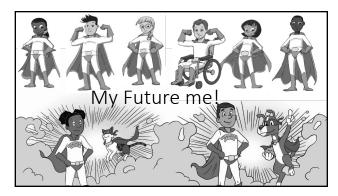
Your role is to empower students to gain strategies (social skills and competencies) to transform themselves in their own unique Superflexes.

Teaching Curriculum & Social **Support Guide** Detective Reminder: You will have already taught 10 lesson from Book 1 of the Superflex Series





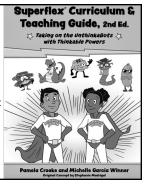




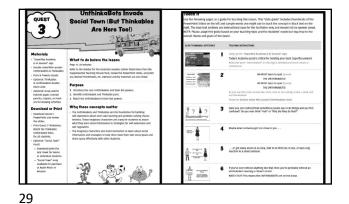
# Goals Teach the power of self and other awareness. Give students proactive ways to interpret people, place s and situations in order to problem solve or decide how (or if) to respond. Motivate students to learn through the lens of a Superhero Academy\*

**Core Lessons include** 

- Purpose
- Materials to gather
- Visuals to use
- PowerPoints
- Why the concept is important
- Ways to prime thinking or extend the learning



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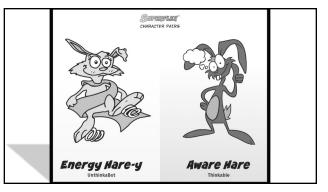


Teaching these concepts correctly

MATTERS A LOT!

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\* Use Aware Hare's very sensitive Energy Earbuds (shaped like rabbit ears) to read the level of energy for the activity.



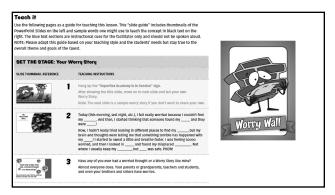
- ▶ Ears-UP = High Energy! Places like the playground and times like recess often are Ears-UP times. Movement and lots of energy is just right. Sometimes we need a snack or water for Ears-UP times.
- Ears-DOWN = Lower Energy. Places like the library, classrooms during learning times, when people are talking to us, or learning groups are usually Ears-DOWN times.
- # If it's an Ears-DOWN time but we are feeling lots of energy, we can take a few deep breaths, use fidgets, sit on a cushion, or use other strategies that are helpful for us.
- Use Aware Hare to notice our bodies if we are feeling wiggly or itchy or moving a lot.

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## Examples from Worry Wall Quest

SUPERHEROES IN TRAINING
PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB
SUPERFLEX QUESTS

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#### **Worry Wall and WorryBots**

Description: 2-inch tall rust colored brick body with a worried expression.

Worry Wall uses the very, very powerful WorryBots to make you get stuck on worried thoughts and feel worried feelings a lot of the time.

Be on the lookout! How WorryBots take action:

- Look like bricks that stack on top of each other to build a wall of worry!
- Make us believe that we need to be perfect and never make a mistake.
- Can get bigger and bigger in our brains with a Worry Magnifier.
- Can make us want to avoid many things such as trying new things, trying hard things, talking to other kids, working in a group, writing paragraphs, and asking for help!

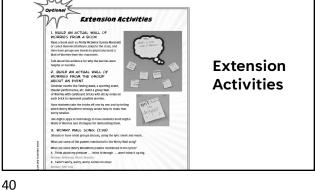
#### Worry WiseWorm

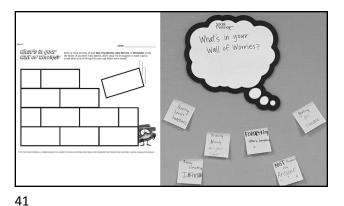
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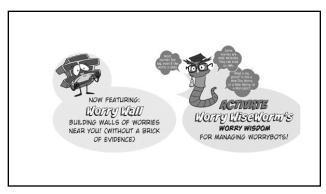
Use Worry WiseWorm Thinkable powers and lenses:

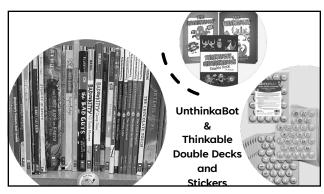
- \* If it's a Wee-Tiny Worry, then I can write in my Worry Journal. I can also talk to with friend or adult.
- \* If it's a Wise Worry, then I should listen to my body and brain. Wise Worries help us get things done and keep us safe.
- \* If it's a WorryBot and it magnified or is a wall, shrink it by taking a deep Worm Breath and let it out slowly. I can also talk to an adult if I need more help.
- \* Remind yourself, "I've been able to get through worry moments before."
- \* It's okay to make some mistakes. WorryBots makes us think it's not!

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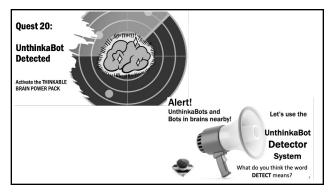


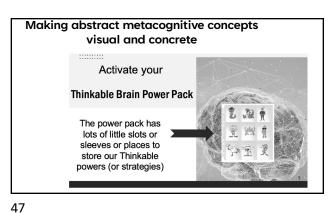










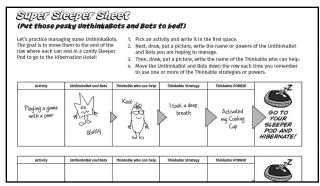


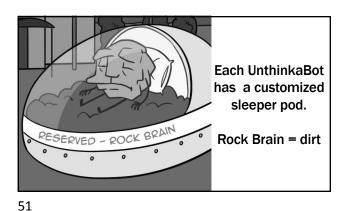
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Time to Hibernate!

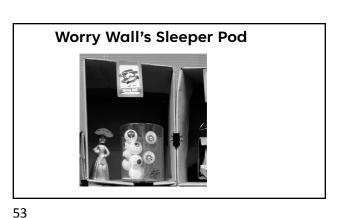
When using THINKABLE strategies to manage Bots, we have the power to put the into a deep sleep or hibernate in specially designed customized Sleeper Pods.

The importance of the term "hibernate" indicates that UnthinkaBots can awake at any moment.

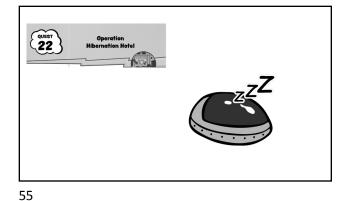












Another way to teach: ND inspired
UnthinkaBots have powers we all need.
UnthinkaBots are are just a little too enthusiastic! Their Bots are okay in small doses. Thinkables can help with this team effort.
Need stuckness (persistence)
Need big reactions at times (safety)
Thinkables keep the levels of Bots in check.

#### Follow student's passions too!

- Unicorn Academy
- · Lego Master Academy
- · Paleontologist Academy
- Magic Academy

DOs and DON'TS

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#### Please DO read the introduction!

(it's only a few pages)

These 25 lessons are about teaching how to INTERPRET social information and then what to do with that information to respond (or not). It is not about getting kids to behave.

The lessons align to academic standards.

The lessons also connect to social and emotional concepts needed for working in groups and classrooms.

DO

Review the Curriculum and Teaching guide teaching each lesson.

Read through the STORYBOOK before reading to your students



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#### DO

Review the teaching PPTs alongside the teaching guide.

The Powerpoints are visual supports for the lessons and do not include all of the language needed for teaching.

Print or copy Thinksheets for lessons as recommended.

Use visuals in kit!

DO

Understand the goal of the lesson and why the concept is important.

Extend the learning with the recommended activities listed in the PPTs and teaching guide.

Note: There are optional additional extension activities for deeper learning

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#### DO

Encourage and facilitate student participation in activities but allow for different ways of showing participation.

#### Use positive comments often.

Look at the TEACHER fidelity checklist before each lesson.

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#### Proactive talk about UnthinkaBots (Bots)

- "I think we have an UnthinkaBot in this room. Anyone have a guess?"
- "Freeze there are Bots trying to get into our teaching time. What should we do?"
- Prime: Which bots usually show up at recess? Are we ready?
- Remind: Let's keep the \_\_\_\_bots out of our group today.

Avoid (please don't...)

**HAVE fun!** 

DO

 Use the lessons to blame, shame, or focus on negative behaviors ("stop acting like mean bean").

Let the parents know what you are teaching and why.

Send the letter and Home Quests to families when

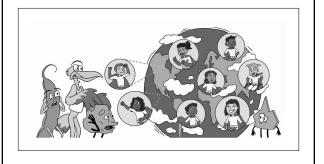
recommended.

Allow variations in what is considered a Superhero. Some student may want to think of themselves as Magical rather than a superhero.

- 2. Use the curriculum or tools in a behavioral way.
- 3. Never (ever) call a student by a character name ("you're being rock brain today."). NEVER!
- 4. Expect that every student will learn these concept at the same pace.
- 5. Assume the tools are a good fit for all. They are NOT!

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## What if a student becomes overly interested in UnthinkaBots only?

- Shift teaching to focus on Thinkable powers only.
- Use Thinkable visuals for activities (cards, stickers, Thinkable storybooks, etc.).
- Note their use of Thinkable strategies and avoid engaging in lengthy exchanges about Bots or UnthinkaBots.
- Don't use this curriculum series if it gets in the way of learning other content or is not a fit for the student or family.

#### 2021-2023: Research

- University driven: 2 arms (lab & school based)
- Control: After school recreation group
- Multiple Tier 1 classrooms with both neurodivergent and neurotypically developing students and small group clinic-based group.
- Lessons using Social Detective and Superflex.
- Bio and neuro outcome measures for clinic group and standardized and informal measures for schoolbased groups.

#### Can't beat 'em -Join 'em

**Teachers Pay Teachers!** 

We now have an official Social Thinking Storefront. We will launch more information once we have (100ish) supplemental teaching tools!

**Stay Tuned** 

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