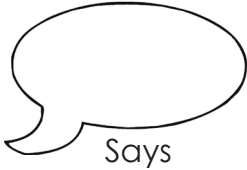


Completed Sample “Explode the Moment”

Uses excerpt from *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*
by Jack Gantos (Harper-Trophy, 2000)



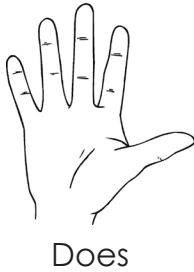
“Can I get back to you on that?” (over and over again)
Blurts out



“I’m wired.”
“I’m really quick at math.”
Thinks all the days look the same



Wired
Dizzy – “like a dizzy fish in a tank”
Wants to try out the Tasmanian Devil idea he saw on TV



Keeps raising his hand over and over again
Bounces Superball off lockers and ceiling
Spins down the hallway and bounces in to lockers
Loses his Superball and his gum while he’s spinning



“Out in the hall.”
“Hey, cut the racket!”
“You glue your feet to the floor for five whole minutes.”
The principal’s talk about goals



Mrs. Maxy’s “white look” that means “settle down”
Mrs. Deebs sticking her head out of the door
Big plastic tubs and crayons to sort in Kindergarten