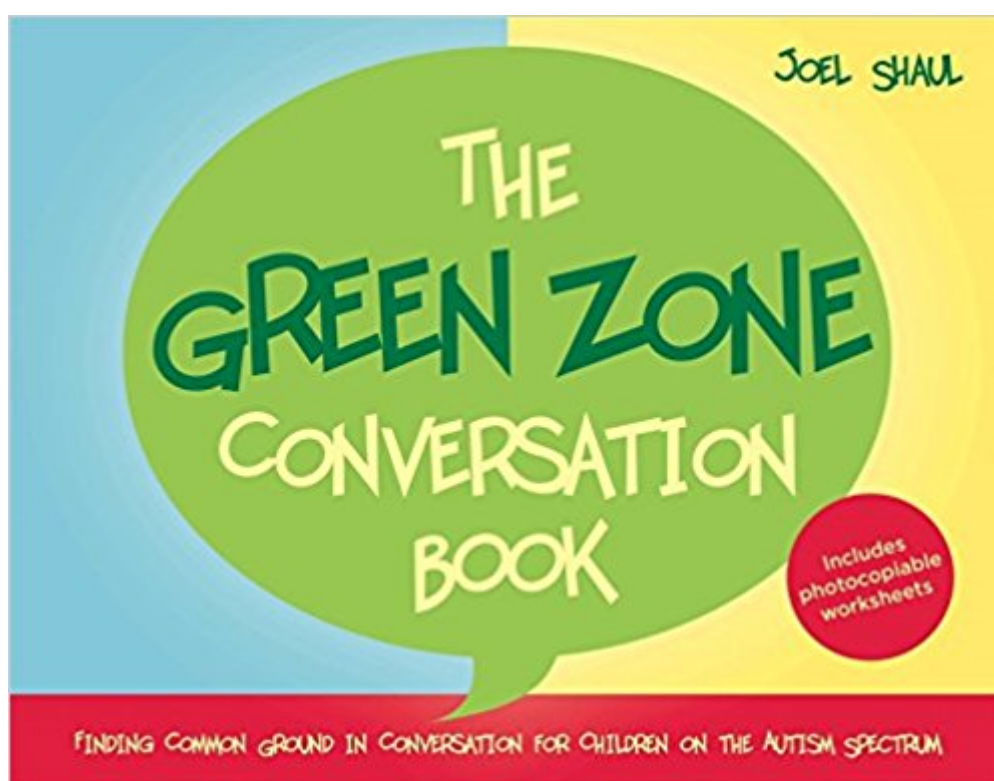


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# The Green Zone Conversation Book: Finding Common Ground In Conversation For Children On The Autism Spectrum



## Synopsis

In conversation, children on the autism spectrum often struggle to select topics of interest to others. Many have strong, narrow interests and feel compelled to introduce these subjects when they talk. This book provides a simple visual model to help children experience more success in finding common ground in conversation. The "Green Zone" is a visual representation of finding common ground between one person (blue) and another person (yellow) to create a "green zone" that represents the pair's shared interests. The book, illustrated with hundreds of photographs representing the range of other people's interests, clearly explains what the "Green Zone" is and how to find it, and contains many photocopiable conversation practice activities and reinforcement worksheets based on this simple visual. Ideal for use in classroom settings or at home, this attractive, full colour book is suitable for children on the autism spectrum aged 7 and up.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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Joel knocked it out of the park on this one! As a clinician (LSW) who works with ASD youth, one of the greatest challenges is helping them conceptualize that it's not all about them, their wants, needs, interests and desires. There is a peculiarity within their brains that it seems just doesn't connect like us so-called typically developed humans. They need a bridge to see that bigger piece. This book has three things that work well: 1 - Its really attractive/compelling, the pictures are a HIT. 2 - The teaching is graphical and simple, they get it w/o a lot of talk talk talk-ing. 3 - And its conceived in a manner that they just GET, it goes with the way these kids process and think. Joel knows his stuff. I use this book over and over. In fact (no lie) they say to me, "Oh, did you bring The Green Zone book today!!!" Now that says everything when working with this population! ---- also I highly recommend Joel's book "Our Brains Are Like Computers!" I use it all the time. Well worth the money and both are well made books!!!

I love Joel's creative way of breaking down abstract concepts into more concrete, understandable bits and pieces. As a therapist doing a lot of social communication intervention, this book is a fantastic resource for me and my clients. I love how it dovetails with so many other curricula out there! I highly recommend this book!

This book was a hit with my 8-yr old nephew. It is very well organized, particularly the coordination between the recommended activities and worksheets as they relate to each chapter of the book. My nephew was really engaged in the activities as well as our reading of the book together, and the worksheets helped expand his perspective of conversation and finding mutual interests. This is an excellent book and it really gave my nephew many "ah ha!" moments.

great book with awesome visuals to explain how to find a common topic with a conversational partner. The book is very well done and has several parts to it - could be used over and over to teach students these conversational skills - I just wish it came with a digital version as well so I could display it on the computer projector.

I am a speech therapist and I just ordered all 3 books by Joel Shaul. It is very difficult to teach Theory of Mind to children with ASD and his explanation and provided worksheets will be a great resource in helping my patients overcome social communication difficulties.

Wonderful book with Great visual accompaniments. Takes complex concepts and applies them for even my more significant learners to understand.

Great book for teaching conversation. I just wish it came with a CD of printable worksheets that are in the back of the book.

This book rocks with great ideas for the child who experiences ASD. I use it at all grade levels.

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