

CASE STUDY ASSIGNMENT

1. **Who:** Charlie and John are the central characters in this case study. Charlie is a 3rd grade student, who is a non-verbal child with autism. John is also a 3rd grade student, and he does not have any disorders. Both Charlie and John learn within the general education classroom. Other characters include Mrs. Smith, who is the school speech-language pathologist that works with Charlie, and Ms. Bright, who is Charlie and John's general education teacher.
2. **What:** During indoor recess, John and his friends were playing a game of telephone. Charlie wanted to play the game, but since the game requires verbal communication, John rejected Charlie and called him the r-word. Later, during his therapy session with Mrs. Smith, Charlie appeared to be upset, unmotivated and was not engaged in the activities.
3. **When:** This situation happened after lunch, in the middle of the day during indoor recess.
4. **Where:** This situation took place in a 3rd grade classroom during indoor recess.

Mrs. Smith is a speech-language pathologist at a suburban elementary school in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She has a student on her caseload named Charlie, who is mostly non-verbal, but has been making progress with communicating during recent therapy sessions in the past month. Yesterday, during indoor recess, John was playing a game of telephone with a few other friends. Charlie walked over and initiated that he wanted to play by gesturing to himself and then to the other students, and he also made an utterance that was unintelligible. John said, "You can't play with us because you can't talk and you'll mess up the game," and then John called Charlie the r-word. John's friends laughed at Charlie as he walked away from the group and sat by himself at his desk. Ms. Bright, the general education teacher, saw this situation occur and noticed that Charlie was upset, but she knew that he had speech therapy in 5 minutes so she walked him directly over to the therapy room. In the therapy room, Mrs. Smith noticed Charlie was upset and did not seem interested in participating in the activities that she had planned for the session, so she asked Charlie if anything was upsetting him.