Green Zone Common Ground Conversation Illustrated Social Story

The following pages are a small excerpt from *The Green Zone*, included here to supplement the *Green Zone* worksheet sample.

These words and images are designed to help children on the autism spectrum to “visualize” what others are thinking and to establish common ground.

The link to these materials on the website is: [http://bit.ly/Ajjk84](http://bit.ly/Ajjk84)

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You enjoy thinking about your own interests.

It feels good to think about them.

You know your own favorite things better than anyone.
Other people enjoy thinking about their own interests. They feel good when they think about their favorite things. They know their favorite things better than anything.
You enjoy thinking about your own interests.

But other people are probably thinking of something else.

That’s why you need to learn to talk in the **Green Zone**.
When you talk in the **Green Zone**, that means that you talk about things that both you and the other person are interested in.
When you talk in the Green Zone, you find a way to help the other person to enjoy talking with you.
What should the person on the left talk about in the Green Zone?