

# Level 3 (Difficult)

## Word Search



If the person used to enjoy word search puzzles but now seems to have difficulty completing them, it is possible that the puzzles are too challenging and are no longer appropriate for them.

By offering them these specially designed word search puzzles, with larger print, a smaller grid and words running left to right and up to down (not diagonal or backwards), they might be more successful.

### Benefits

- Great cognitive exercise
- Familiar to most people
- Easy to read
- Uses familiar words
- No backwards or diagonal words

### Prepare the Activity

Print out the pages and you're ready to go.

### Basic Preparation

It's easy to overlook, but the success of any activity can depend on some basic preparation.

#### Preparation

- Is the person comfortable?
- Is the area free from distractions?
- Is the lighting in the room appropriate for this activity?
- If the person requires glasses, are they wearing them?  
Are they clean?

Refer to the "[Presenting an Activity, Start to Finish](#)" article on our website for more details.

When possible, you should demonstrate the activity first, showing what is expected while using as few words as possible to describe it. When you are finished the activity, thank the person for participating and ask if they would like to do it again sometime.

## Presenting the Activity

**IMPORTANT:** These puzzles are all at Level 3 (Difficult) - if you are unsure if they are appropriate, you can [download Level 1 and 2 puzzles](#) on our website before trying these.

1. Invite the person to work on a word puzzle with you.  
Place a puzzle on the table in front of the person with a pen, pencil or marker.
2. Give them time to look it over. If they point to a word in the word list (DENVER, for example), encourage them to locate the word in the grid, giving them time to find it.
3. If they need help getting started, suggest that they point to the first letter of the word in the grid, then give them time to look at the letters around the letter on their own.
4. If they struggle after finding the first letter, ask them if there is an E (the second letter) to the right or below it. Help them only as much as necessary.
5. When they find the word, praise them and demonstrate how they should circle the letters of the hidden word and draw a line through the word in the list.
6. When they find the next word, encourage them to circle the answer and draw a line through the word in the list. If they are still finding it too difficult, trace over the letters in the grid that match the words from the list so that they look bolder.

## You May Also Like...

If the person enjoyed this word puzzle they may enjoy our other word games and puzzles, including Word Searches, Sequenced Crossword puzzles and more. You can find them in the [Word Puzzles section of our website](#). They may also like [Expressions](#) or [Rhyming Expressions](#).

**Thank you for downloading this free activity from Keeping Busy. We hope that you find it beneficial. Please [visit our website](#) to see all of our engaging activities.**

## Presenting

- Give them time to see if they point to a word
- If necessary, point out the first letter in the grid
- Ask them if the second letter is to the right or below the first
- Praise them when they find the word and show them to circle it and scratch it off the word list
- If they find it too difficult, trace over the letters of the word to make it stand out



F S H U B E C P B F Z O Q D Y  
S D E N V E R G N D B Z T B S  
P O D A I D S A O Q Y X L F W  
R E N A T L A N T A K W A I V  
I O V Y T P C H W Z B H N D Y  
N O N Y C R R M G L F E S H K  
G F I N D I A N A P O L I S E  
F R S C H K M H K I W E N R T  
I A J X O G G E U E M W N G A Q  
E N S P G A N C X N J A G B U  
L K C I Y E T L P U Q I W U P  
D F Y O T G O M K Y T K B O U  
H O P S M I W M A U G U S T A  
W R P K C O G D O V E R Z W E  
B T E V T T Y O Y G U X V N T

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## CAPITALS

ATLANTA  
AUGUSTA  
DENVER  
DOVER  
FRANKFORT  
HELENA  
INDIANAPOLIS  
LANSING  
SACRAMENTO  
SPRINGFIELD

S R C H X W N H X S B T P O A  
N C W P M L Q Z F Y Q B A M O  
P H O N O L U L U L C O A D T  
P Y L Y K X D X V I I T L F  
P H O E N I X Z K W U S M T J  
Q C L Y O P L D D R I E P G U  
W K T L T P J N J F I A F N N  
J U X H T A L L A H A S S E E  
A H O B S B I S T K U B J L A  
C N C O L T X O Q P N N O I U  
K E N S C V T I Y W M K O N H  
S E Z T C Z L Z Q I N P T C U  
O V R O Z V W R Q J D O O O T  
N J A N N A P O L I S U O L H  
Y U Z H K H A R T F O R D N O

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## **CAPITALS**

ANNAPOLIS  
BOISE  
BOSTON  
HARTFORD  
HONOLULU  
JACKSON  
JUNEAU  
LINCOLN  
PHOENIX  
TALLAHASSEE

M L Z U S T X Z Y F A T A P A  
M U N O C U M T Z Y B M L T Y  
I O C Y C B U E H I K K J H M  
C C T A Z M N M R L N E G E Y  
H A V H O G N O U L G O P P M  
I L T N X P X N S I E B Q G A  
G I E L Y O P T Y N O L B B I  
A F C O L O R A D O R B Z H N  
N O R I S Q W N R I G V T Y E  
N R C V B D X A W S I P C Q A  
R N K E N T U C K Y A U W I Z  
I I K D E L A W A R E V N M P  
P A P I N D I A N A L N Y A O  
G X X N G X I S B H O E N I U  
R Q S T K M E E Y E J E U M F

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## STATES

CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO  
DELAWARE  
GEORGIA  
ILLINOIS  
INDIANA  
KENTUCKY  
MAINE  
MICHIGAN  
MONTANA

V K A D N B W F M Y O Q F U H  
M A S S A C H U S E T T S M E  
C O B J R H T J R I P G I I B  
H W S E T Y Q E H D H U U S K  
Z L W C C A J A L A S K A S Q  
T F M O G A I E P H C B R I W  
Y L O N P G Y N N O C F I S F  
T O Z N F E V E E N M Y Z S X  
H R W E V B H R B T X I O I Y  
A I L C U G X E R G I X N P S  
R D H T R S U A A V L D A P G  
F A M I C V X J S I R X I I I  
T P U C A A V K K E B O B S K  
Q X D U I I M M A R Y L A N D  
S D V T I X H A W A I I T E K

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## **STATES**

ALASKA  
ARIZONA  
CONNECTICUT  
FLORIDA  
HAWAII  
IDAHO  
MARYLAND  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEBRASKA