



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

1. Invite the person to work on a word puzzle with you. Place the Level 1 (Easy) 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 (PLANT, 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 L (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 all of the words from the list in the grid of letters so that they look bolder.
7. If they were able to complete this puzzle readily, ask them if they would like to try a different level.

Presenting

- Always start with the Level 1 (Easy) puzzle
- 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
- Only move to a higher level if the person can complete the puzzle readily

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