'food for thought' Issue 2













Welcome to the **2nd** issue of 'food for thought', your distraction pack.

Dictionary definition of

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"Something that prevents someone from giving their attention to something else"

"An activity that you do for pleasure"

COVID-19 has affected us all in very different ways, but the common adjustment we have all had to make is that of self-isolation and how we each deal with that varies enormously. Some are finding it easy to distance themselves from others, whilst others are finding isolation difficult.

We are all responsible for making sure not only we, but others, are kept safe from infection and the only way to do that is to stay where you live and avoid close contact with others.

These Distraction Packs offer a variety of quizzes, activities and reading material to help distract you during the long periods of time spent alone. We hope you enjoy them.

The answers are given at the back, so if you don't want to know what they are, don't look beyond page 26.



Having supported older prisoners and ex-offenders for over ten years, RECOOP (part of the BCHA Family) recognises the importance of keeping active, both physically and mentally. Our Distraction Packs, 'food for thought' were created with that in mind. www.recoop.org.uk



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Self-isolating Top Tips:



Try and change your daily routine as much as is possible.



 Talk to neighbours - from a distance of at least 2 metres - as engaging with others is important for mental wellbeing.



 Open a window to let in fresh air, particularly if you cannot venture out for your daily exercise.



Try doing some exercises in your room.



Drink plenty of water - it's important to keep hydrated.
 It is recommended we drink 2 litres a day.







We've always placed great importance on the mistake. But the next move, what you do after the mistake, is what really defines a person.

Brad Pitt





Your stories from across the country

We would like to receive stories of your experiences in the accommodation during COVID-19 and will be selecting a number of them to go into future Distraction Packs. We will also be collecting and compiling them and thinking about how best to share these in the future. You can either add your name or submit anonymously. Using the template below, we invite you to share your story, poem, picture or photo. If you are able, photograph it and email to outbox or, alternatively, give it to a staff member to send/scan and email to us. The email box is england.covid-homeless@nhs.net Thank you.











Activity - Scrambled Proverbs

Every culture has a collection of wise sayings that offer advice about how to live your life. These sayings are called "proverbs". The following have been scrambled; can you unscramble them to reveal the well-known proverb? And do you know what they mean?



- 1. His bad tools always blames a workman.
- 2. A thousand words a picture is worth.
- 3. A strong weakest link as its chain is only as
- 4. Adversity and man make loss a wise.
- 5. The devil's workshop is an idle brain.
- 6. A thousand miles journey begins with a single step of.
- 7. Noise makes much noise a vessel empty.
- 8. Gold is not all that glitters.
- 9. Put your foot forward always best.
- 10. Choosers can't be beggars.





Activity - Can you find the tools Fred has lost?

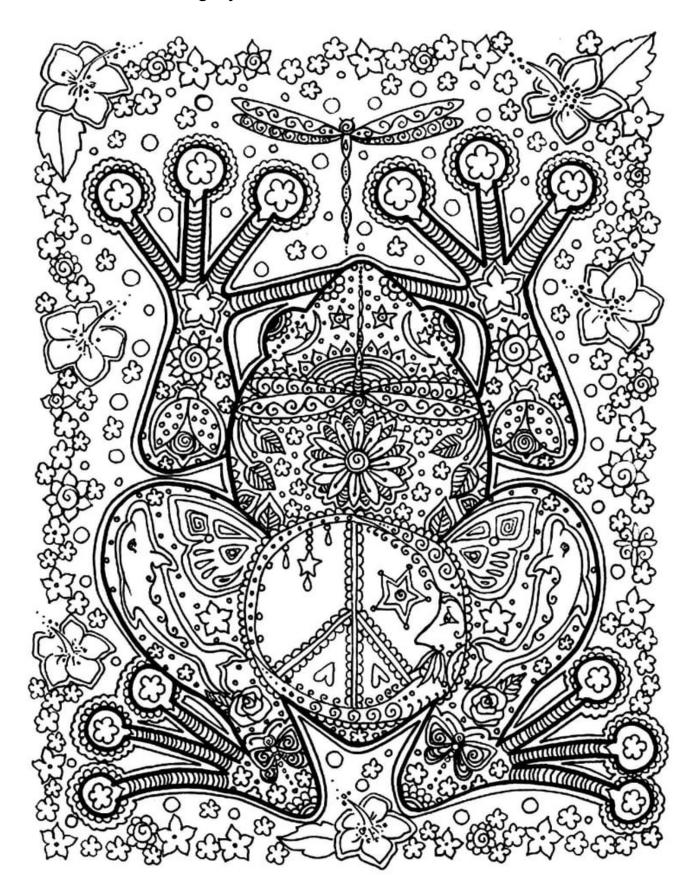


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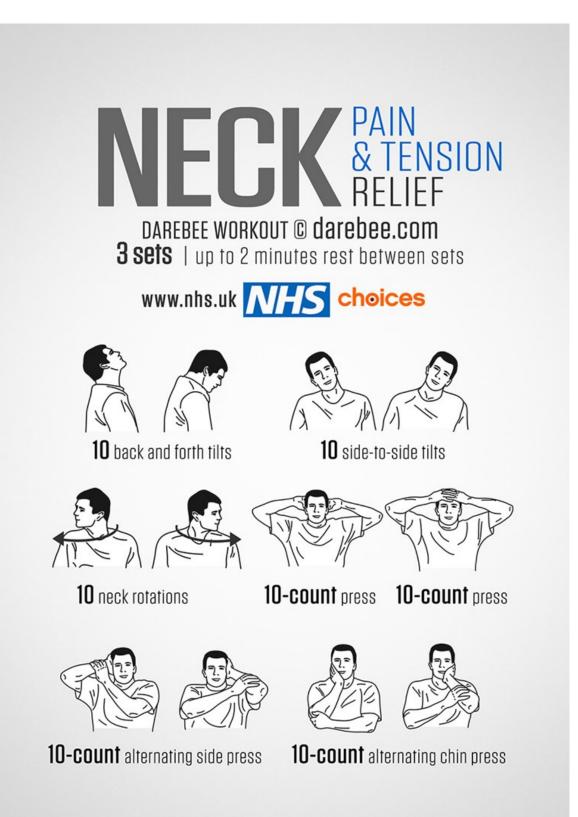
Activity - colouring - if you don't have coloured pencils, try using different shades of grey.







Over the next few issues we will be including some exercises, recommended by NHS Choices, that can easily be done indoors. Try and set aside 20-mins each day to exercise.













Activity - Word Search - Transport

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SNOWMOBILE SUBMARINE TRAIN TRAM TRUCK VAN WAGON YACHT





Face Illusions are ambiguous images which exploit similarities between two or more distinct images. They are also known as reversal images, puzzle images and perceptual rivalry. What do you see?



This is definitely one of the most amazing optical illusions of all times! What do you see at first glance - an old lady or a young lady? They are both there! Mouth of the old woman is necklace of young woman and nose of the old lady is chin of the young lady.

A similar example of ambiguous visual illusions - father and son.

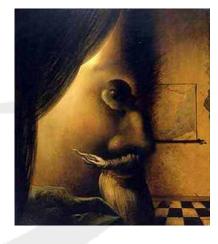


Whole family mind teaser - father with mother and daughter (by G. H. Fischer)

Profile of Salvador Dali and a strange woman. Head of the female figure is also eye on the big face.



An old couple (look close at the profiles of faces) is remembering the times when they were young and full of life ("Forever Always" by Octavio Ocampo)







Quiz 1 - Can you identify the eye of these creatures (or eyes as in no. 1)?





























Activity - Anagrams

The following are anagrams of well-known films. Can you work them out? The number in brackets is the number of words in the title.

- 1. Sheen hatted workmanship (3)
- 2. He that forged (2)
- 3. Dank thigh trek (3)
- 4. His drill scents (2)
- 5. Lip fun topic (2)
- 6. Unhealthy hotbed go get dad (7)
- 7. Cub flight (2)
- 8. Rum pet frogs (2)
- 9. Seventeenth cow forsook clue (6)
- 10. Flogs a dole (1)

Source: pubquizquestions.com





It's a Bug's life!



1) A ladybird might eat more than 5,000 insects in its lifetime.

- 2) Fruit flies were the first living creatures to be sent into space.
- **3) Dragonflies** have been on earth for 300 million years.
- **4)** A **bee**'s wings beat 190 times a second, that's 11,400 times a minute.



- 5) The stag beetle is the largest species of insect to be found in the UK.
- 6) Caterpillars have 12 eyes.



7) One **dung beetle** can drag 1,141 times its weight – that's like a human pulling six double-decker buses.

8) A single **honeybee** colony can produce around 100kg of honey each year – that's 220 jars.

- **9)** An **ant-eating assassin bug** piles its victims onto its body to scare predators.
- 10) Large groups of fireflies sometimes flash in unison.
- **11)** To breathe underwater, the **water scorpion** uses a snorkel-like tube on its abdomen.
- 12) There are 36 species of dragonfly found in the UK.

continued





It's a Bug's Life! continued

- 13) Bulldog ants can leap seven times the length of their bodies.
- 14) Mosquitos are attracted to smelly feet!
- **15)** Some male **stoneflies** do push-ups to attract a mate.
- 16) Butterflies taste with their feet.
- **17) Grasshoppers** have special organs in their hind legs that store energy for jumping.



Mosquito

18) A hornet's favourite food is a bee



- **19)** The **red postman butterfly** develops its own poison by eating toxic plants
- **20)** A **sea skater's** leg hair traps air, enabling it to float on water.
- 21) Grasshoppers existed before dinosaurs.

Red Postman Butterfly

22) Damselflies have been on earth for more than 300 million years

23) Male giraffe weevils use their long necks to fight each other.



Damselfly

Source: natgeokids.com





It's a Bug's Life! Quiz

How many of the facts from It's a Bug's Life can you remember?

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How did you do? Check back with the article on the previous pages.





Quiz 2 - General Knowledge

- 1. How many people are there on an English jury?
- 2. Which supermarket chain would you associate with George clothing?
- 3. How many squares are there on a chess board?
- 4. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquillity?
- 5. On what everyday item would you find 'Decus Et Tutamen' inscribed?
- 6. In The Tour de France the rider with the lowest aggregate time and hence the leader of the race gets to wear what colour jersey?
- 7. Which classic comedy is set in Walmington-on-Sea?
- 8. Name the three primary colours?
- 9. What is the name of the Royal Air Force's famous aerobatic display team?
- 10. In books or television, who leaves his house at 52 Festive Road to visit a costume shop where he is invited by a fez-wearing shopkeeper to try on a fancy-dress costume?
- 11. Which award has the motto 'For Valour' on it?
- 12. According to the well known proverb 'all roads lead to' where (HINT: It's a capital city)?
- 13. 'War Cry' is the newspaper of which organisation?
- 14. What is the name of Japanese rice wine?
- 15. The mosquito bite is associated with spreading which deadly disease?





Activity - Number Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1. 2 down times three
- 4. 197 doubled
- 6. 11 down plus 185
- 7. 19 down plus 104
- 8. 1 across plus nineteen
- 10. months in nine years
- 12. 14 across plus ninety-four
- 14. Hours in six weeks
- 15. Five times 9 down
- 17. 18 down minus twelve
- 19. Months in eleven years
- 21. 4 across doubled
- 22. Minutes in five hours
- 23. Three times 10 across

DOWN

19

- 1. Four times 10 down
- 2. 13 down plus seventeen
- 3. Five times 12 across
- 4. 23 across plus thirty-two
- 5. Minutes in seven hours
- 9. 19 across plus thirty-eight
- 10. 22 across minus 172
- 11. 21 across plus twenty-two
- 13. Seconds in three minutes
- 16. 3 down plus sixty-three
- 17. 15 across minus thirty seven
- 18. 17 down plus seven
- 19. 20 down minus eighty-one
- 20. 4 down minus ninety-two

Source: puzzlechoice.com





Health Watch



The side effects of being dehydrated can range from mild to life threatening.

Drinking enough water as opposed to caffeine based tea, coffee and sweet cheap squashes is vital to aid wellbeing.

Nine great reasons to drink water:

- Weight Loss Water has no fat, no calories, no carbs and no sugar. It is the best!
- 2. **Heart Healthy** Lowers your risks of heart attack by 41%. Don't stress your body, drink water so it isn't stressed.
- 3. **Energy** Being Dehydrated can sap your energy and make you feel tired. Start your morning with a mug of room temperature water immediately upon waking. You will hydrate your body and give it an energy boost.
- 4. **Headaches** Many headaches are simply a matter of not drinking enough water. Before taking paracetamol, drink a mug of water.
- 5. **Healthy Skin** Clears your skin and gives it a healthy glow. Water is held in the skin and without it the firmness and plumpness of your facial skin cells are gone and you can look tired and aged.
- 6. **Better Exercise** Being dehydrated can severely hamper your physical activities. Your body needs to recover after exercise and without proper fluids, recovery can be greatly minimised, thus leaving your body in an unhealthy state.
- 7. **Digestive Problems** Water can help cure stomach acid problems. (Tip: Only drink half to two thirds a mug with a meal to avoid disrupting digestion of food. Drink a mug of water 30 minutes before or 60 minutes after.)
- 8. Cancer Risk Reduce risk of colon cancer by 45% and bladder cancer by 50%.
- 9. Cleansing Water is used by the body to help flush out toxins and waste.

Tips:

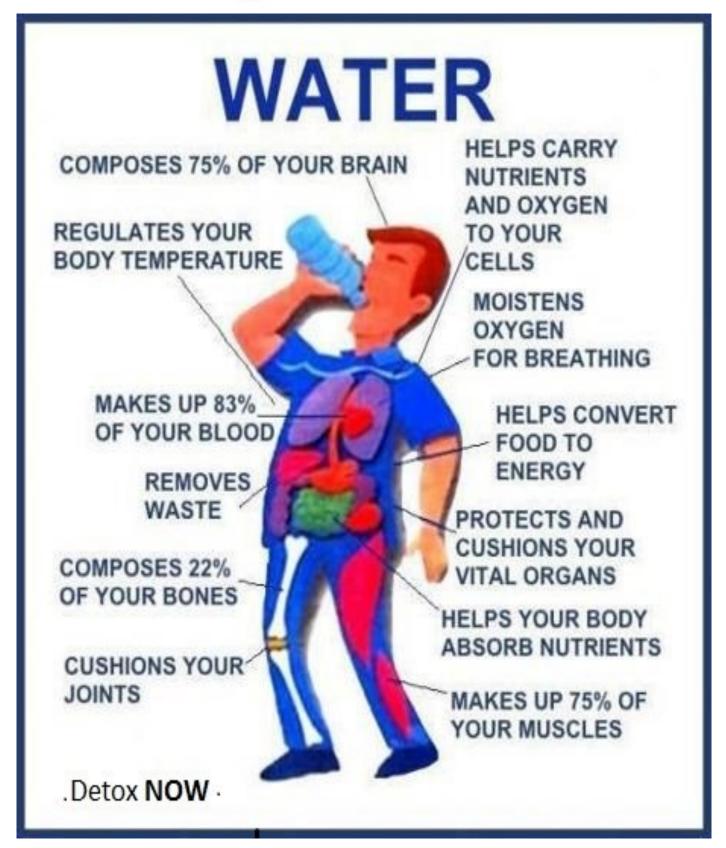
- Drink first mug within 15-20 minutes of waking and before any other morning beverage like coffee or tea.
- Spread out drinking your daily water drink a mug between meals midmorning and mid-afternoon.
- Limit water with meals to half a mug.
- Drink a mug of water 30 minutes prior to a meal.





Health Watch

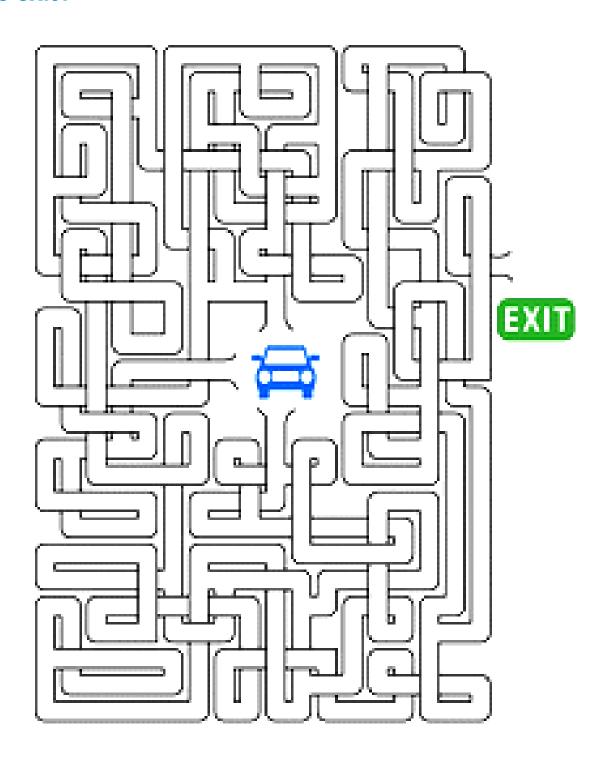








Activity - Can you get the car through the maze of roads to the exit?







Quiz 3 - Who said that?

Can you match the quote with the person who is famously associated with it?

- "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."
- 7. "Simplicity is the key to brilliance."
- 2. "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
- 8. "The truth is, everyone is going to hurt you. You just got to find the ones worth suffering for."
- 3. "Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools."
- 9. "Do one thing every day that scares you."
- 4. "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."
- 10. "If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on."
- 5. "If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."
- 6. "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
- A. Dr. Seuss
- E. Mahatma Gandhi
- I. Bob Marley

- B. Malcolm X
- F. Mae West
- J. Steve Jobs

- C. Napoleon Bonaparte
- G. Bruce Lee
- D. Oscar Wilde
- H. Eleanor Roosevelt

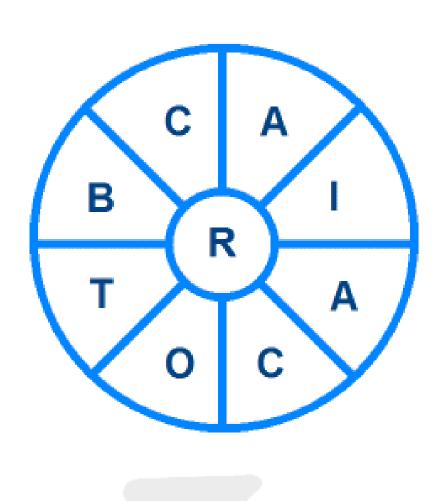
Your answers:





Activity - Word Wheel

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter R, avoiding proper nouns. Can you find the 9-letter word?







Activity - Sudoku Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column and each of the nine 3 x 3 grids contain one of each of the numbers 1 - 9.

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Activity - Sudoku

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Activity - Scrambled Proverbs

1. A bad workman always blames his tools.

This proverb is used when someone blames the quality of their equipment or other external factors when they perform a task poorly.

2. A picture is worth a thousand words.

It is easier to show or explain something through a picture than through words.

3. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

One weak part will render the whole weak.

4. Adversity and loss make a man wise.

We gain wisdom faster in difficult times than in prosperous times.

5. An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

If you've nothing to do, you'll likely think of mischief.

6. A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step.

Howsoever big a task is, it starts with a small step.

7. An empty vessel makes much noise.

Foolish or stupid people are the most talkative.

8. All that glitters is not gold.

Things that look good outwardly may not be as valuable or good.

9. Always put your best foot forward.

Try as hard as you can or give your best.

10. Beggars can't be choosers.

People who depend on the generosity of others can't pick & choose things as per their liking. They've to accept what is given to them.





Quiz 1 - Creatures Eyes

1. Housefly

2. Praying Mantis

3. Frog

4. Owl

5. Camel

6. Ostrich

7. Python

8. Tiger

9. Chameleon

10. Python

11. Beluga Whale

12. Crocodile

Activity - Anagrams - Films

Sheen hatted workmanship
 The Shawshank Redemption

2. **He that forged** The Godfather

Dank thigh trek The Dark Knight

4. **His drill scents** Schindler's list

5. **Lip fun topic** Pulp Fiction

6. **Unhealthy hotbed go get dad**The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

7. **Cub flight** Fight Club

8. **Rum pet frogs** Forrest Gump

9. **Seventeenth cow forsook clue**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

10. Flogs a dole Goodfellas

Quiz 2 - General Knowledge

1. 12

2. Asda

3. 64

4. On the moon

Pound coin

6. Yellow

7. Dads Army

8. Blue, red and yellow

9. Red Arrows

10. Mr Benn

11. The Victoria Cross

12. Rome

13. The Salvation Army

14. Sake

15. Malaria





Activity - Number Crossword

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Quiz 3 - Who said that?

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4. F

7. G

10. J

2. D

5. B

8. I

3. C

6. E

9. H

Activity - Word Wheel

9 letter word: ACROBATIC

Some words of five letters or more containing the hub letter R:

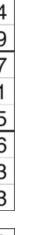
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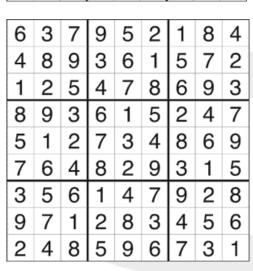


Activity - Sudoku

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Activity - Sudoku

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