

Opening the door to a brighter tomorrow

The Intersection

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This week at the Center:

We focused on the upcoming solar eclipse. We talked eclipse facts and myths, we talked about U.S. States and the path of the eclipse, we watched a video and we talked aliens!

Hey...can you do me **a FAVOR**? If you are looking at this, can you send me an email and say so. Just trying to get a handle on how many folks are using this resource. It doesn't seem like many. Thanks! msr@strokecomebackcenter.org

Speaking of unused resources, are you signed up to be part of our **family forum**? It is an email list and it offers our SCC family a way to connect with each other. You can post questions, needs or offers. It started because an SCC family wanted to give away a stair climber! You sign up in the **Member Portal.** Check it out!!

What's right for you?

Finding a language task that is at the right difficulty level and is interesting is the key! Don't get bogged down in where the tasks you pick falls in the task order of complexity. The tasks listed first are the most complex progressing to less complex. You want practice that is engaging AND at a level that you get a language workout but not so frustrating that you give up! The Intersection is available to everyone at the Center so it covers a wide range of abilities. Pick what works for you today!!

Listening and Reading:

Watch this video on a solar eclipse
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxrLRbkOwKs

Or...read this article and take the quiz: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answersheet/wp/2017/08/15/the-space-quiz-test-yourknowledge-about-the-eclipse-our-solar-system-andbeyond/?utm term=.3e4e83501e6b

 Listen to this solar eclipse exercise and answer the multiple choice questions. Hit PLAY in exercise 2.

http://www.esl-lab.com/sun/sunrd1.htm

- Want to practice yes / no questions? Have a partner try some of these: An eclipse means a dragon has eaten the sun, The sun will be covered by the moon, The earth will be darker, It's ok to look at the eclipse with your naked eye, An eclipse is a bad omen.
- Practice general vocabulary by matching the picture to 3 possible words. http://www.manythings.org/vq/mc-n1.html

Talking and Writing:

- Many of the listening tasks above will also challenge your speech or writing. Tell someone about the video that you listened to!
- Learn solar eclipse vocabulary and take quizzes. This requires reading, listening and spelling! https://quizlet.com/16221285/eclipses-vocabulary-flash-cards/
- This is not eclipse related, but it is VERBS! My next favorite thing. Try out one of these many crossword puzzles: http://www.manythings.org/cs/
- Want to practice writing but need some of the letters filled in? Try this: http://www.manythings.org/vocabulary/games/v/

A word about the name:

The Intersection is where home meets the Center. So many wonder what happens behind closed doors or how do I help at home or are lost as to where to even begin. Check out the Intersection for ways to keep using your language at home and keep moving on your road to recovery.

Member Portal:

These are now available on our website in the **Member Portal**. Try it out!

Password: survivor

Supported Conversation:

We all need help! Many members at the Center benefit from their conversational partner giving them some help. This means always encourage use of gestures, or use of a communication book, have paper nearby for writing or drawing, and give choices. When you don't understand, say so!

Upcoming Events:

- Dining For Dollars at Fosters: 8/22
- Caregiver Connection: 8/26
- Kalikie Classic Golf Tournament: 9/13
- SCC Family Picnic: 9/17

Questions or suggestions:

This is a work in progress! Email me (Melissa) with questions or concerns. I am happy to help!

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Multi-modal (speech, gestures, writing)

- Watch an alien or space related movie and have a supported conversation: Did you like it? Who was your favorite character? Would you watch a sequel, match the characters to the actors names, Match the movie name to aliens from each.
- Take a look at a U.S. map and discuss where the eclipse will be 100% Have you been to that state? Would you want to visit?
- Try out this classic rock collection of songs all related to UFOs. Have you heard these songs before? Give them a thumbs up / down or sing along if you know the words!

Do something together!

- Don't have eclipse glasses! Make your own! There are many sights out there that will tell you how to do it. Be careful and NEVER look at an eclipse with your naked eye.
- Have an alien themed meal...maybe all green foods or an alien food...something you have never tried...or make moon pies!
- Next time you are at the Center, check out our lending library. We have audiobooks and movies. It's free!