



# The Intersection

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## This week at the Center:

We focused on navigating the SCC website and current events. The website is full of useful resources, links and the MEMBER PORTAL will give you access to upcoming events including the caregiver connection. Be sure to take care of you while you are busy taking care of everyone else!!

## 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!!

## 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

## Listening and Reading:

- Read a newspaper or magazine article, listen to a news show and have a discussion about what you heard and if you agree or disagree. Remember current events include sports, pop culture, financial news and local events. Don't get bogged down in just one area.
- Dislike or have trouble talking politics? Listen to this TED talk and see if you agree with his tips: [https://www.ted.com/talks/robb\\_willer\\_how\\_to\\_have\\_better\\_political\\_conversations](https://www.ted.com/talks/robb_willer_how_to_have_better_political_conversations)
- Reading a standard newspaper or magazine too much? Check out **The Week**. It's a little pricey. We have some copies at the Center too! <http://subscribe.com-sub.info/The-Week/Welcome>
- Want a free option? It's not as extensive, but the price is right! <http://talkpathnews.aphasia.com/>
- To practice listening at the word or phrase level, you can use pictures from the newspaper or magazines and try questions such as: Point to Donald Trump, Which one is the king of Saudi Arabia, Which pictures show baseball? Which team do you like better? Again, this takes some work from a partner.
- Use pictures from the newspaper or magazines or the web (sports, actors, politics, TV, religious) and match their written name to the faces, or the headline to the correct picture, or score to the correct game.

## Talking and Writing:

- Many of the listening tasks above will also challenge your speech or writing.
- Have a debate. To make it harder, defend an opposite opinion from yours. It's a game, have fun!
- Pick hot topics in current events (healthcare changes, immigration, national security) and verbalize or write 2 pros and 2 cons to each topic.
- Use pictures as needed. Have a partner say their first name, you fill in their last. You can do this with current events. You shouldn't need pictures for titles. For example...In hockey, you win the Stanley \_\_\_\_

## 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!

## 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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(cup); Donald Trump went to Italy to visit the \_\_\_\_ (Pope).

- Use the pictures of current events from the newspaper or magazines or the web and communicate "I like or I don't like", "I agree" or "I disagree".
- Practice writing, filling in the blanks or copying the vocabulary that goes with current events / people associated.
- Have someone name each topic for you & repeat it. Go for the whole word or just the first sound.

## Multi-modal (speech, gestures, writing)

- Use the pictures of current events from the newspaper or magazines or the web and have a supported conversation. What does that mean? Write down single words, in two columns on paper vocabulary that might go with the picture....that could be names, places, descriptors like titles, occupations, historical facts and talk about everything you know about that person or topic. You will be amazed what you might learn. It also never hurts to have extra paper to write or draw on and maps! Get stuck or need an example, let me know!
- Have the survivor pick something in the newspaper or a magazine they want to talk about. Use the tips above to help support them.
- Pick songs to go with current events and sing it! Talk Washington Nationals and sing Take Me Out to the Ball Game. Pictures of politicians...sing God Bless America 😊

## Do something together!

- Look for local Memorial Day events. Make a list of choices that seem reasonable and make a decision together to go do something different!
- Have a cookout or a picnic. It doesn't have to be fancy. Make PB and J sandwiches together and go to the local park.