



The Intersection

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This week at the Center:

We focused on fundraising, DoMore24 and popular charities. DoMore24 is June 8 and it's a BIG deal at the Center. This week we focused on the impact each member could have and how that impact multiplies when we all pitch in together. Vocabulary and number concepts centered on fundraising and giving back.

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:

- Google a famous person or group in history that you think made an important impact or motivated you. Here are some ideas: Mother Teresa, Danny Thomas, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Red Cross, or the Peace Corp
- Tired of the world around you? Look up Debbie Tenzer or Do One Nice Thing. Maybe even see if you can check out her book from the library:
<http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/177273/do-one-nice-thing-by-debbie-tenzer-founder-of-doonenicethingcom/9780307454218/>
- Too much reading? Check out what this kid is doing to help survivors with disabilities:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hYGJbUySZc>
- Have you ever seen this video about the Center? It's one of my favorites and it is all from our members:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xZ1mvGm5T8>
- To practice listening or reading at the word or phrase level, you can use pictures or logos such as Princess Diana (landmines) the Red Cross (give blood), Purple Heart (clothes). Match the name of the person / group to their cause or point to the one that is named. Again, this takes some work from a partner.
- Use pictures or logos or causes and match the group / person to their scandal or put the pictures in order from most to least favorite.

Talking and Writing:

- Many of the listening tasks above will also challenge your speech or writing.
- Discuss or write the answer to this question: In your opinion, what US President embodied the concept of leadership through service?
- Take some time to write a note about why the Center is important to you. Use your personal letter to ask 5 other people to donate \$24 on June 8 for DoMore24.
- Practice yes / no questions. You can practice full sentences, one word responses, thumbs up / down. Here are some questions:

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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Yes, I have...

No, I have not...

- Have you ever volunteered at church?
 - Have you donated blood?
 - Have you ever collected canned food?
 - Have you ever bought Girl Scout cookies?
 - Have you donated given to Toys for Tots?
 - Have you ever picked up trash?
 - Have you ever worked at a soup kitchen?
 - Have you ever helped a neighbor?
 - Have you helped at a school?
 - Have you helped at a hospital?
 - Have you served in the Peace Corps?
 - Have you helped to build a house?
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- Have someone name each group or person for you & repeat it. Go for the whole word or just the first sound. You can also try filling in the blank...The Red _____, The Boy and Girl _____

Do something together!

- After a stroke, sometimes it is hard to find ways to give back. Here is a random list. Go through it and see if something appeals to you. Do it together!
- Donate food to a local food bank in your community
- Donate used books
- Give used sheets and towels to an animal shelter
- Call a friend instead of them calling you
- Pick up litter
- Randomly pay for someone's coffee or toll
- Give your grocery store points to a local school
- Say thank you to someone and tell them why you appreciate them
- Hold the door for someone else