



The Intersection

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This week at the Center:

We focused on music and naming that tune. Besides being fun and a hobby for lots of our members, music and melody often help people with aphasia find their words more easily. Remember we are CLOSED July 3 and 4. Have a very happy 4th of July!

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:

- Want to understand more about music, singing and aphasia. Check out this article:
http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/LifeAfterStroke/RegainingIndependence/CommunicationChallenges/From-Singing-to-Speaking-Its-Amazing-To-See_UCM_310600_Article.jsp#.WVY-ITyvIU
- Want to practice listening at conversational levels? Try out one of these TED talks that somehow relate to music:
<https://www.ted.com/search?q=music+and+TED>
- Complete 1 or all 26 pages of these music worksheets. They include a variety of tasks including word searches, crossword puzzles, single word matching the instrument name to the pictures & lots of fill in the blank activities. Use the word banks to make it easier or cover the word bank for a challenge.
http://www.musicfun.net.au/pdf_files/instruments.pdf
- Play Name that Tune with multiple choice!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF4PxEQ-fWA>

Talking and Writing:

- Many of the listening tasks above will also challenge your speech or writing. Watch a TED talk or read an article and tell someone what you learned. Have a discussion about a concert you have or want to attend.
- Make a word chain using song titles, artists and instruments. Each word starts with the last letter of the word before it: Music, clarinet, tuba, Adam Ant...
- Write or say 5-10 items in each category: instruments, types of music, famous musical artists, deceased musical artists, musical artists that go by just 1 name, musical venues in the area.
- Use this link to practice filling in the blank. You can read the songs and write in the answer (use the word bank to make it easier) or have someone sing it and you say what word comes next!
<http://www.newtongue.com/lyrics-worksheets/>

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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Multi-modal Communication

- Match the musical instrument to its sound from a choice of 3:
http://www.musictechteacher.com/music_quizzes/identify_the_instrument_sounds/quiz.html
- Use the same video and practice gesturing how to play each instrument.
- Draw musical instruments.
- Play music from all different genres (jazz, R&B, classical, country, rap) Use supported conversation to communicate ideas and opinions about the music. Is it too loud, too fast, I like it, I don't like it. Rate it on a scale of 1-10. You can use this link or pick your own:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o50ZkoKx09c&index=1&list=RDo50ZkoKx09c>
- Have a sing along! Lots of videos on YouTube also have the lyrics. You can start with this one:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK0ID582AVI>
- This has nothing to do with music, but I found this sight while I was hunting. Thought you might like it!
<http://www.newtongue.com/abc/english.html>