



The Intersection

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This week at the Center:

We focused on hobbies. We talked about hobbies the members' had in the past and what hobbies they might like to learn now.

What's right for you?

Finding a language task that is at the right difficulty level & 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. 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. 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 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!

Listening and Reading:

- Is trying new websites a hobby? Try any listening activity on this site. The **Listen and Answer** tasks are very challenging!
<http://www.manythings.org/e/listening.html>
- Read an article related to a hobby you enjoy and tell someone else about what you read.
- Do you enjoy the gym? Listen to this conversation and answer the questions. <http://esl-lab.com/healthclub/healthclubrd1.htm>
- Like animals? Match single words to pictures.
<http://englishforeveryone.org/PDFs/Beginning%20Matching%20-%20Animals%20Part%201.pdf>

Talking and Writing:

- Like crossword puzzles? Try this site. It has many different topics to pick from. <http://iteslj.org/cw/>
- Practice writing a list of 10 different hobbies, or make a word chain all related to hobbies (hobbies, sewing, golf).
- Write about your favorite hobby. You can copy from a list, fill in missing letters, write words, sentences or paragraphs.

Do something together!

- What hobbies have you given up, but would like to get back to? Think about ways to adapt what you like to do so that you are able to have fun and enjoy your hobby. Not sure how to go about making changes? Check out YouTube for videos and ideas...use search words like: one-handed or adapted.
- How about getting crafty? Go to Michael's and try painting or sculpting or ??? They have a million ideas to pick from.
- Get outside! Go for a walk, try paddleboats, take pictures, pack a picnic, bird watch, find an outside concert, watch a baseball game. Do something different or an activity that you like but haven't done lately.