



WINTER WORD SEARCH

Puzzles are great for keeping the brain active! Create your own winter word search for an older person living in a care home to enjoy and complete.

Equipment needed

- Pen
- Either A4 paper and a ruler *or* use our word search template

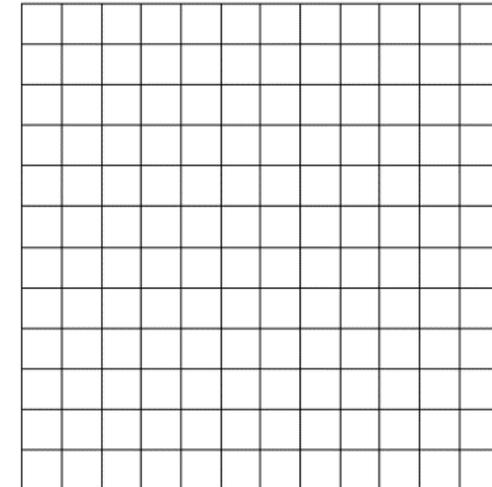
Method

1. Create your word search grid! If you're using our word search template, you can go straight to step 2.

If you'd like to make your own, use your ruler to draw a large grid on the top half of the page, so that each square is roughly 1cm in width and 1cm in height. Leave space below the grid for the words you'd like the older person to find. You could also decorate your word search based on your theme and give it a creative title.

2. Below the grid, list the words that you're going to hide in your word search. Try to vary the length of the words within the winter theme: for example, snow, carols, pinecone.

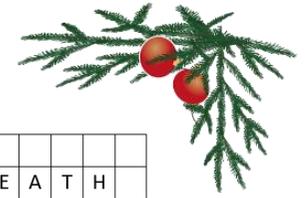
Word Search



I would like you to find these words...

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.





3. Write these words into the word search, spaced out. Remember that words can be 'attached' to one another through a common letter. This helps to give your word search an authentic feel.

						F					
				W	R	E	A	T	H		
I						O					
C	S					S					
I	L					T			P		
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						W	I	N	T	E	R

4. Once all your words are written into your word search, fill in the remaining squares with random letters.

Remember to use all letters of the alphabet!

H	G	B	Z	J	U	F	Q	K	Y	M	S
O	A	L	E	A	W	R	E	A	T	H	D
I	O	K	M	P	C	O	E	T	O	F	P
C	N	S	V	H	D	S	L	L	J	A	L
I	E	L	Z	B	F	T	N	U	B	P	J
C	Q	E	Y	S	S	R	A	T	V	I	R
L	E	D	P	B	N	Y	A	Z	P	N	A
E	A	G	D	R	O	B	I	N	Q	E	Z
S	B	E	K	T	W	C	U	H	N	C	U
Y	N	A	E	E	Z	R	G	M	Y	O	J
K	C	A	R	O	L	S	L	A	C	N	K
X	S	A	O	M	G	W	I	N	T	E	R

H	G	B	Z	J	U	F	Q	K	Y	M	S
O	A	L	E	A	W	R	E	A	T	H	D
I	O	K	M	P	C	O	E	T	O	F	P
C	N	S	V	H	D	S	L	L	J	A	L
I	E	L	Z	B	F	T	N	U	B	P	J
C	Q	E	Y	S	S	R	A	T	V	I	R
L	E	D	P	B	N	Y	A	Z	P	N	A
E	A	G	D	R	O	B	I	N	Q	E	Z
S	B	E	K	T	W	C	U	H	N	C	U
Y	N	A	E	E	Z	R	G	M	Y	O	J
K	C	A	R	O	L	S	L	A	C	N	K
X	S	A	O	M	G	W	I	N	T	E	R

5. Once you have finished, send your word search to the care home. If the care home is close by, you could drop it off by hand. If not, you can send it via post.

We recommend that you also include card or letter with your winter word search that introduces yourself:





E.g. “Dear....., my name is and I walk past your care home on my way to the park so I thought I would make you this winter word search to bring you some joy.”

Other things you could include in your message:

- Your favourite thing about winter
- Your favourite Christmas song or carol
- What Christmas means to you

