

ACTIVITY GUIDE: GROUP ACTIVITIES

Green Activities: Activities for Everyone; Basic Skill Levels

Content	Location	Description and Activity Ideas	Internet required
Commercials	Music, TV & Film – Classic TV	Reminisce with these collections of vintage commercials - from Barbie to Battleship, Band-Aids to classic cars! Use the Internet Quick Search to look up pictures of residents' first cars, for example, and then invite every resident in the group to share memories of that car.	NO
Crosswords	Games & Puzzles – Word Games	Guess the words based on the clues given – new themes are given each week. Have residents work together in groups. Each group takes turns solving clues.	YES
For a Good Cause	Games & Puzzles – Word Games	Work together to donate rice to an impoverished country. Choose from several different categories and difficulty levels. Create a username and password to track how much rice is donated over several weeks or months.	YES
Google Earth	Travel	Type in an address or location and see an aerial map image - zoom in (with the yellow street-view man) and take a walk down memory lane! Explore foreign lands, or have each person select a place that is important to them, and do a show and tell for other residents.	YES
Guided Tours	Travel – Travel Videos	Travel around the globe without ever leaving your chair! Use Google Earth to enhance the trip.	NO
Hangman	Games & Puzzles – Word Games	Go around the room having individuals guess letters for the word. Purple version has a hint for each word! This version also ties into the weekly theme.	Purple - YES White - NO
Happy Neuron	Health & Wellness – Brain Fitness	Stretch your residents' working and visual memory with these brain teasers! Each game has nine difficulty levels. Start on Level 1 and advance when you feel the group is ready. Sleight of Hands, Split Words and The Squeaking Mouse are good group games.	NO

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Holidays	Staff Tools – Activities	Games, crafts, jokes, trivia, recipes - all sorts of ideas for each of the major holidays on your calendar!	NO
Hymn Books	Spiritual – Christianity - Music	Sing along with these popular spiritual songs. Print the verses of the hymns with the Printable Book from in2lprint.com !	NO
Karaoke	Music, TV, & Films	Warm up those vocal cords! Select a song from the variety of genres, and sing along with music! Choose a song without vocals for a game of "Name that Tune" or "Who Can Remember the Lyrics?"	NO
Live Webcams	Travel	Access webcams from all over the world! Visit your favorite animals and places. Use the Internet Quick Search to find more information about each animal.	YES
Memory Bio	Reminisce	Use these slideshows to help spark memories and discussion of childhood, travel, holidays, and so much more. Pass around props while using the slideshows - toy trucks, dolls, suitcases, etc.	NO
Google	Stay Connected - Internet	Type in a word or theme that is part of the day's discussion. See related pictures, definitions, etc.	YES
Words of Hope	Spiritual – Christianity - Sermons	A variety of inspirational messages to listen to and discuss later - perhaps as a full group or a smaller Bible study.	NO
Skype	Stay Connected	Schedule a web video chat with sister communities, your residents' loved ones, local schools (maybe for a history lesson or art project), or with one of the iN2L staff!	YES
Today in History	History	Look up any day of the year to view a history or entertainment video clip from years past.	YES

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Blue Activities: Activities for Moderate to Advanced Skill Levels			
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Brain Aerobics	Games & Puzzles	Perfect for planned or last-minute activities - trivia, reading and discussing, reminiscing, etc. Create an answer bank from the answers listed at the bottom of the page.	YES
Piggy Bankers	Games & Puzzles – Word Games	Create as many words as you can with only 7 letters at a time. Residents can take turns volunteering words. Use Shuffle, Hint, and Free Word if you get completely stuck.	NO
Geography	Games & Puzzles	Identify states, provinces, countries and territories around the globe! Print off a map of the area you are working on, having residents find it on the paper first, then find it in the game.	NO
Finish the Lyrics	Games & Puzzles – Trivia Games - Music	Choose a decade and see who can finish lyrics from popular songs of that era. There's also Classic Rock and Country music options.	YES
Sign Language	Lifelong Learning	Foreign Language Club! Meet once or twice a week to view these short tutorials and practice. You'll be fluent in no time! Great for staff too!	NO
Color Memory	Games & Puzzles – Matching	Try and replicate the sound and light sequence created by the computer. Only one person can play at a time, but onlookers can be helpful and may enjoy watching!	NO
State Trivia	Travel – United States	Choose a state and then test your knowledge of that state's motto, animal, flower, and so much more!	NO
Paint	Games & Puzzles—Creative Arts	Have residents use the Paint program to play a simple version of Pictionary. In groups, have residents select the names of objects and then draw them, while other groups guess.	NO