

MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: Individual
Relationship Stage: Any

Activity Name:

"Word Search"

Objective:

To work on the mentee's vocabulary and spelling using a word search.

Preparation Time:

Depends on the size of the word search; up to 10 minutes to choose words

Activity Duration:

Depends on the size and difficulty of the word search.

Required Material:

- Website such as custompuzzles.com to create the word search.
- List of words you want to include
- Pen/pencil

Instructions:

- Create and print out the word search using an online puzzle maker.
- Search through the puzzle to find the words that are hidden.

Further Notes:

- Word searches can be a fun way to work on mentee spelling and vocabulary lists
- Try making a word search based on a theme or on a hobby/interest of your mentee
- They can also be made by hand if you have the time to do so.