

MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: Individual
Relationship Stage: Any

Activity Name:

"Crossword"

Objective:

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

Preparation Time:

Depends on the size of the crossword; up to 30 minutes to choose words and clues

Activity Duration:

Depends on the size and difficulty of the crossword.

Required Material:

- Website such as custompuzzles.com to create the crossword.
- List of words and their clues you want to include
- Dictionary or thesaurus (hard copy or online) for looking up words
- Pencil and eraser

Instructions:

- Create and print out the crossword using an online puzzle maker.
- Use the clues to work out what words fit into the puzzle.

Further Notes:

- Crosswords can be a fun way to work on mentee spelling and vocabulary lists, and also incorporates some logical thinking skills.
- They can also be made by hand if you have the time to do so.