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HOME PROGRAM: List of 50 Cognitive Moderate-in-Complexity Tasks, #1

Practicing tasks that address goals need to be conducted every day for positive outcomes. Patients performing home programs each day — allow for daily work toward goals.

Instructions: Caregivers should encourage one of these activities a day in order to encourage daily cognitive stimulation. Please try a different task each day.

- 1. Assisting with cooking tasks (help with making brownies)
- 2. Work on "Seek-a-Words"
- 3. Look through pages of a clothing catalog, circling items that are of interest
- 4. Play a simple card game (Go Fish, War, etc.)
- 5. Create a book from magazine, newspaper clippings
- 6. Shape different forms from clay
- 7. List all of the cities or countries that the patient would like to go to
- 8. Go to a grocery store and write down items with similar characteristics (things that are green, things for baking, items with banana in them, etc.)
- 9. Organize, with supervision, a medicine cabinet
- 10. Follow directions/exercise a new low-level exercise video
- 11. Talks about helpful inventions from the past
- 12. Learn new makeup or handyman techniques
- 13. Organize a silverware drawer
- 14. Thank of ways to perform simple tasks more efficiently
- 15. Play a game where each person tries to make the other person laugh
- 16. Play a card matching game
- 17. Organize items in a kitchen
- 18. Wash/dry a car
- 19. Write a poem
- 20. Make homemade drinks/lemonade
- 21. Create a drawing of the flag and decorate it
- 22. Alphabetize books in a shelf
- 23. Organize items in a sock drawer
- 24. Go through time tables

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- 25. Organize cards in a deck from low numbers to high numbers, organized in each suit
- 26. Smell candles, take them away, and try to match the candle with the smell
- 27. Play an adult-modified "I Spy" game
- 28. Create "thank you" cards from scratch
- 29. Make a family tree
- 30. View family photographs, listing relationships to the patient
- 31. Arrange a closet with help for like items in various areas
- 32. Organizer a spice cabinet
- 33. Learn how to fix someone's hair (simple brain, etc.)
- 34. Make a list of favorite movies and organize them into different categories (drama/comedy/romance vs. short movies/long movies, etc.)
- 35. Learn a new hobby
- 36. Organize items in a hope chest
- 37. Think about favorite childhood book
- 38. Play dominoes
- 39. Organize items in a bathroom
- 40. Think back to first days of school
- 41. Organize items in a shed and take non-wanted items to shelters
- 42. Perform rapid naming of items in categories (furniture, fruit, car models, hobbies, occupations, etc.)
- 43. Trace pictures from a magazine onto another page
- 44. Research prices of different computer models
- 45. Make up a new card game
- 46. Call up an old friend and reminisce
- 47. Organize towels in the towel closet, lightest to darkest colors
- 48. Clip out newspaper articles and circle all of the words that contain a target letter, such as "e" or "t," etc.
- 49. Create plans to rearrange furniture in a more efficient manner
- 50. Keep a dream journal and journal about thoughts about past dreams