



Word Search Puzzles

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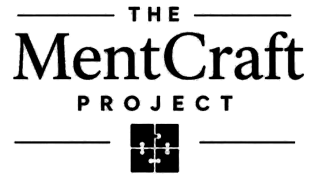


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For David

My son, you have a wonderful mind.

Always remain curious and never assume you know everything.

How to Get the Most Out of This Book

Every MentCraft collection is built on a simple belief: a mind that's regularly challenged stays sharper, more curious, and more capable. Word search puzzles train the mind in their own distinctive way — scanning a crowded grid, holding a target word in mind, and letting your eye catch the pattern hidden among the noise. It's a different kind of focus than reasoning through a clue: less about deduction, more about sustained visual attention.

Each puzzle's header shows its subtheme, its number, and a difficulty rating, so you can track your progress or choose where to start. All solutions are grouped together near the end of the book, in numerical order, ready whenever you need to check your work.

If you're the kind of solver who likes to dig a little deeper, this book includes a complete Glossary at the very end — every word, defined and alphabetized, so an unfamiliar term never has to stay a mystery. And at the bottom of every puzzle page, you'll find a My Notes space: room to jot down a new word you've learned, a pattern you noticed, or anything worth remembering as you go.

Find each word from the list hidden in the grid — words may run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, in any direction, forwards or backwards. Enjoy the journey!

Puzzle 1: Fashion & Style

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

FIND THESE WORDS:

BEADED
GLOVE
LINGERIE
PANTYHOSE
SPATS

CINCH
HANDBAG
LUXURIOUS
POMPOM
TABARD

EMBROIDER
JUMPSUIT
PAJAMAS
SHEER
VEST

My Notes:

Puzzle 2: Fashion & Style

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

FIND THESE WORDS:

ASCOT
FITTED
MANTUA
SEAMSTRESS
SMOCKING

BERET
JEANS
PORKPIE
SHANTUNG
VINTAGE

CHIFFON
LADYLIKE
RICKRACK
SHAWL
ZIP

My Notes:

BONUS PUZZLES

Our gift to you for choosing this book!

A few extra, slightly trickier puzzles to enjoy.

Puzzle 101: BONUS

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

FIND THESE WORDS:

CHAUFFEUR
DRESSMAKER
HORSEPOWER
OVERDRIVE
SUSPENSION

COUNSELOR
DRIVELINE
INSTRUCTOR
RACKETEER
SYNCHRONY

COURSEWORK
FURNITURE
LUNCHTIME
STATIONERY
TELEPHONE

My Notes:

Solution #1

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

Solution #2

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

Solution #3

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

Solution #4

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

Glossary

ABODE: A person's home or dwelling place, where they live and reside in a specific time period like the retro decades.

ABSENCE: A formal record or notification that documents a student's absence from school due to illness, family emergency, or other reasons.

ACCELERATOR: A mechanical or electronic control device in a vehicle that, when pressed by the driver's foot, increases engine power and thereby accelerates the vehicle

ADAGIO: A musical term indicating a slow and stately tempo in classical music, often used in ballet.

ADVERT: A short announcement intended to promote a product or service

ADVERTISE: To promote products through vintage-style advertisements and packaging.

ADVISOR: A mentor or counselor who guides students through academic and personal challenges within a school setting.

AERIAL: An antenna used to receive radio or television signals from a distant location

AERIALS: Large outdoor advertising displays used in vintage campaigns to capture attention from afar.

AGITATOR: A rotating part in washing machines used to agitate clothes

AIR: To transmit a program over the airwaves via radio or television

AIRWAVES: A range of radio frequencies allocated for broadcasting and communication purposes in the past.

ALBUM: A collection of music recordings issued together as a single item, often with a common theme or title.

ALBUMEN: A type of photographic paper coated with albumin, used in early photography processes such as cyanotype and ambrotype.

ALGEBRA: A branch of mathematics involving the study of algebraic equations and their solutions, commonly taught in schools.

ALIVE: Describing a lively and energetic musical or dance performance.

ALLEGRO: A musical tempo indicating performance at a fast pace with great energy

ALLEY: A narrow passage between buildings, often used for shortcuts or access within a neighborhood.

ALLEYWAY: A narrow passageway, often unpaved, that separates rows of houses or other structures

AMBULANCE: A motor vehicle specifically designed for transporting patients in emergencies.

AMPLIFY: To increase the volume of audio signals in older radio and television broadcasts using amplifiers.

AMUSE: To provide pleasure or enjoyment through activities such as watching films, playing retro games, or attending performances related to past decades.

AMUSEMENT: An activity engaged in for entertainment or recreation, often providing a pleasant distraction from daily life.

ANALOG: Relating to or denoting a system in which measurements are represented by continuously variable physical quantities such as distance, voltage, or sound

ANKLET: A decorative chain, cord, or strap worn around the ankle as jewelry to accentuate vintage-inspired outfits.

ANNIVERSARY: A special program marking a significant event in the history of radio broadcasting or a station's milestone.

ANNOUNCEMENT: An official declaration made to inform the public about something, often broadcast on radio or television.

ANNOUNCER: A broadcaster whose role is to speak or read out information during television or radio programs

ANTENNA: A device used to receive and send out electromagnetic waves in radio broadcasting

APPLIANCE: A machine designed to perform a specific task in household chores, such as washing or cooking

APRON: A protective garment worn over clothing while cooking or doing chores around the house, typically featuring pockets or ties at the front to protect one's clothes from stains and spills

ARCADE: An entertainment center featuring electronic games, particularly those from the late 20th century

ARCADES: A building or establishment where people can play games, often for a fee or with the use of tokens

ARITHMETIC: A branch of mathematics studied by students, concerned with the properties and relations of numbers through addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

ARPEGGIO: A musical technique creating a flowing, dance-like progression of notes used in various genres including jazz and classical.

ASCOT: A type of necktie that is typically wide and tied in a specific way to create a fashionable knot, commonly worn for formal occasions.

ASHCAN: A container made of metal or other materials used in a household setting for waste disposal.

ASSEMBLY: A formal meeting or gathering of students, staff, and occasionally parents, typically held in a school setting for important announcements.

ASSIGN: A task or piece of work given to a student by a teacher as part of their studies

ASSIST: To provide support or aid to someone, especially with their studies.

ASSISTANCE: Mutual help among neighbors within a community, often through organized groups or informal support systems.

ASSOCIATE: A member or supporter of a local group or organization that works towards community well-being and fosters neighborhood spirit.

ATHLETICS: Sports and physical activities organized by schools for competition or enjoyment among students during school hours.

ATTENDANCE: A record or report of student participation in classes, including absences and tardiness.

ATTIRE: The required clothing for students during regular school days or specific events like prom, often prescribed by a dress code.

AUDIENCE: A group of people gathered in a designated area to watch and appreciate a live performance, such as a play or musical act.

AUTOMAT: An automated food vending machine found in classic diners and lunch counters.

AUTOMOBILE: A self-propelled road vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine, typically four-wheeled.

AVENUE: A wide thoroughfare or main road in a residential area, often lined with trees and homes.

AWARDS: Prizes or certificates given by schools to students for outstanding academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievements.

AXLE: A central shaft for a wheel or gear, crucial in vintage vehicles for connecting wheels to the vehicle frame.

BACKPACK: A large bag with two shoulder straps, traditionally used to carry books, papers, and other school supplies during the day

BALL: A round object used for various recreational activities such as bouncing, throwing, or playing retro ball games.

BALLAD: A narrative song often with a repeated chorus, prevalent in folk music and used in various musical styles.

The MentCraft Project starts from a simple idea: a mind that's exercised regularly stays sharper, more curious, and more capable — but not every mind sharpens the same way. Some people think best in words, others in numbers, others in shapes and spatial patterns, others in sequences of logical steps. That's why MentCraft builds puzzle collections across many different formats, each one training a different kind of mental muscle.

Word search puzzles train the mind in their own distinctive way: rather than reasoning through wordplay, you're scanning a crowded field of letters, holding a target word in mind, and training your eye to catch a pattern hidden among the noise. Every word found sharpens visual attention and sustained focus — the quiet discipline of not looking away until the pattern reveals itself.

Dive into "Classic Nostalgia — Retro Life & Decades" and explore a rich tapestry of past eras, one hidden word at a time. Every grid holds real words drawn from once-familiar corners of daily life — a flapper's bobbed hair, a phonograph spinning nearby, a corsage pinned on for a special evening — waiting to be spotted among the letters. As your eye tracks across fashion, household gadgets, and the slang of different decades, half-remembered words resurface, each one a small nudge back toward how earlier generations lived, dressed, and spoke.

