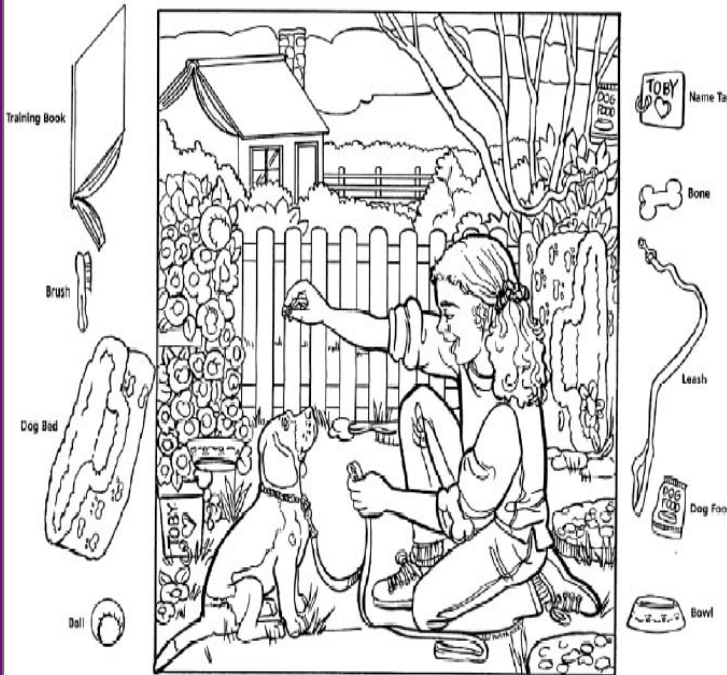


PUZZLES

Lesson

Crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, hidden pictures, and others, are puzzles that are great for brain stimulation. There are jigsaw puzzles suitable for all ages since pieces range to a few to thousands. As a child, certain puzzles reinforce the understanding of colors, the alphabet, animals, transportation, etc. As one grows, using puzzles promotes concentration, one's spatial dimension, logic, thinking, math, and language skills, hand-eye coordination, as well as problem solving, etc. Using puzzles in your home will encourage family time and help your child learn in a fun and effective manner.

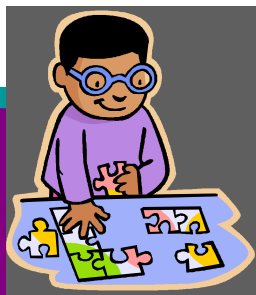


Activity & Games

Using the picture to your left, see how many hidden pictures you and your child are able to find. You may also want to color them as you go along.

Lunch Time

You and your child may enjoy waffles with fruit and syrup on top. You can remind your child that waffles look a lot like crossword puzzles.



Activity & Games

Materials: Magazine pictures, glue, cardstock, scissors
Liberally spread glue on the back of a magazine picture and paste it to the cardstock paper. Cut the picture into several pieces, and help your child piece them together. Try it with several different pictures, increasing the difficulty level with each one!

Reading Time

- Alphabet Jigsaw Book and Floor Puzzle, by Terry Burton
- License Plates across the States: Travel Puzzles and Games, by Tony Tallarico
- The Princess Puzzle Book, by Random House Disney

