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Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Oxleas Distraction Pack. We've packed this issue with activities to keep your mind and hands occupied and included some simple tips for staying fit and well. All content is reproduced with kind permission of copyright owners, whom we thank for their support.

Can you help keep the publication fresh and original? We invite you to contribute if you can design a puzzle, share instructions for your origami creation, draw a new colouring page, or think of something else...? Post to the address below. Either way, we hope you enjoy this issue! Stay safe and look after yourself.

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- Code Words Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a number.

 Crack the code from those revealed at the outset.

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3-Step Mindfulness Worksheet

This worksheet outlines the *3-Step Mindfulness Exercise*, a useful activity when formal mindfulness practice might not be practical. It is designed to be versatile, so you can practice these three steps throughout the day to bring your awareness to the present moment.

Use this guide to cultivate a mindful state that you can carry with you throughout the day.

1. Step Out of Autopilot In this moment, try to bring your awareness to what you are doing, thinking, and sensing.

Pause. Take a comfortable, relaxed, but upright posture. And breathe. What thoughts come up in your mind? What feelings?

Give them your attention and acknowledge these natural experiences. Then, let them pass. Attune yourself to who you are and your current state.

Right now, your only goal is become aware of your breath.

How does your body move with each breath in and out? How does your chest rise and fall as you let air in? Feel how your belly pushes in and out, how your lungs expand and contract.

2. Become Aware of your Breath



Find the pattern of your breath and anchor yourself to the present with this awareness for six breaths or up to a minute.

3. Expand your awareness outward

Let your awareness spread outward. First to your body, then to your surroundings.

What physical sensations are you experiencing? Note feelings like tightness, aches, or lightness, then, let go of them. Keep in mind your body as a whole, as a vessel for your inner self.



Expand your awareness outward to your surroundings. Bring your attention to what is in front of you. What colors, shapes, and textures can you notice? Be present in this moment, in your awareness of your surroundings.

Rapid Relaxation Exercises

These are things you can do in a minute or two to feel more relaxed. As you start, take a moment to do a simple check-in of your emotional state, your thoughts, and what you are feeling in your body. Just notice what is happening, without judgment or expectation.

Abdominal Breathing

Abdominal breathing is the one of the most effective ways to relax quickly. By breathing with your diaphragm you will immediately signal your autonomic nervous system to relax. Place one hand on your belly and one on your chest. Take some slow, deep breaths into the belly. It's helpful, but not essential, to breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth. If you are doing abdominal breathing correctly, the lower hand should move as much or more than the hand on your chest. Continue this slow, deep breathing for a couple of minutes, imagining the breath calming your body and clearing your mind. Notice how you feel.

Cook's Hookup

With legs extended, cross your left ankle over your right one. With your arms outstretched, cross your right wrist over your left one, then turn your hands so the palms are touching, clasp your fingers, and twist your hands down and toward your ribs, and rest them on your chest. Hold this Once you have learned the technique, you don't need to use the hands if you prefer not to.

position for two minutes as you breathe through your nose. On the in-breath, push your tongue against your upper palette, and on the out-breath push it against your lower palette. When the two minute period has elapsed, take a minute to notice what you experience in your body.

Quick Tensing and Relaxing

Tense your feet and lower legs and thighs and buttocks, pelvic muscles, abdomen, and lower back muscles. Hold them tightly for a few moments and notice the tension. Then release the tension completely and let all those muscles soften and become supple and relaxed.

Tense your hands, forearms, upper arms and shoulders, belly, midriff, middle and upper back, and facial muscles, and take a breath in so your rib cage is full extended. Notice how that feels, then release the breath and soften all those muscles, letting them become supple and relaxed. As you continue to breathe, focus on releasing, softening, letting go. Let the tension continue to flow out with every out-breath.

Creating a Symbol of Relaxation

When you are practicing relaxation, choose an image that conveys peace, comfort, or mental and physical letting go. This image can be anything you choose. You may think of the seashore, or a favorite spot in nature. It may be an image like the sun, a rope untwisting, ice melting, or a soothing color. It may be the face of a pet or of someone you love.

Every time you do relaxation, call up that image as you are becoming relaxed. Allow the symbol to grow and fill your awareness. Let all of the qualities of that symbol come to mind, and imagine them moving through your body on the rhythm of your breath. As you practice this more, you will be able to close your eyes anywhere and relax quickly by calling up your symbol and filling your awareness with it for a few minutes.



Exercises for older people



Getting started

If you've not done much physical activity for a while, you may want to get the all-clear from a GP before starting.

For the exercises that require a chair, chose one that is stable, solid and without wheels. You should be able to sit with feet flat on the floor and knees bent at right angles. Avoid chairs with arms as this will restrict your movement.

Wear loose, comfortable clothing and keep some water handy.

Try to attempt these exercises at least twice a week, this will help to improve muscle strength, balance and co-ordination.

Build up slowly and aim to increase the repetitions of each exercise over time.

As your fitness improves, why not look for a group session near you? Age UK have lots of ideas. www.ageuk.org.uk

There are three other sets of exercises in this series: Sitting, Strength and Balance. Go to www.nhs.uk/exercises-for-older-people to download.

NECK ROTATION







This stretch is good for improving neck mobility and flexibility.

A. Sit upright with shoulders down. Look straight ahead.

B. Slowly turn your head towards your left shoulder as far as is comfortable. Hold for five seconds and return to starting position.

C. Repeat going right.

Do three rotations on each side.

NECK STRETCH





This stretch is good for loosening tight neck muscles.

A. Sitting upright, look straight ahead and hold your left shoulder down with your right hand.

B. Slowly tilt your head to the right while holding your shoulder down. Repeat on the opposite side.

Hold each stretch for five seconds and repeat three times on each side.

Flexibility 5

SIDEWAYS BEND







- **A.** Stand upright with your feet hip-width apart and arms by your sides.
- **B.** Slide your left arm down your side as far as is comfortable. As you lower your arm, you should feel a stretch on the opposite hip.

Repeat with your right arm down your right side.

Hold each stretch for two seconds and perform three on each side.

CALF STRETCH





- **A.** Place your hands against a wall for stability. Bend the right leg and step the left leg back at least a foot's distance, keeping it straight. Both feet should be flat on the floor.
- **B.** The left calf muscle is stretched by keeping the left leg as straight as possible and the left heel on the floor.

Repeat with the opposite leg and perform three on each side.





Staying Safe - Recap of Latest Covid-19 Advice



If you need medical help

- If you need medical help for any reason, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the NHS 111 service
- Phone 111 or visit the website at <u>https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19</u>
- Call 999 for an ambulance in a lifethreatening emergency

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.



Greek Mythology: Gods and Goddesses

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In the Kitchen

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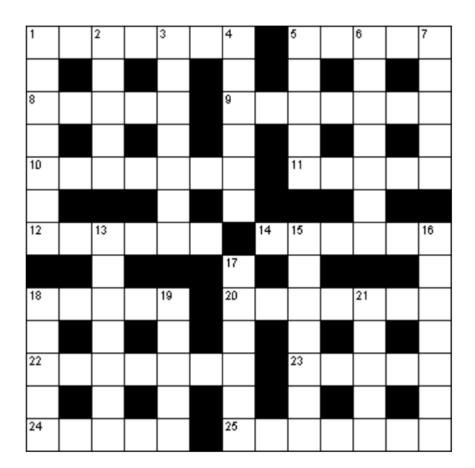
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WASHING MACHINE OVEN FRYING PAN CUP SPOON TEAPOT DISHWASHER MICROWAVE SAUCEPAN MUG TEA TOWEL CUPBOARD COOKER FREEZER PLATE FORK TOASTER LARDER

Crossword 1



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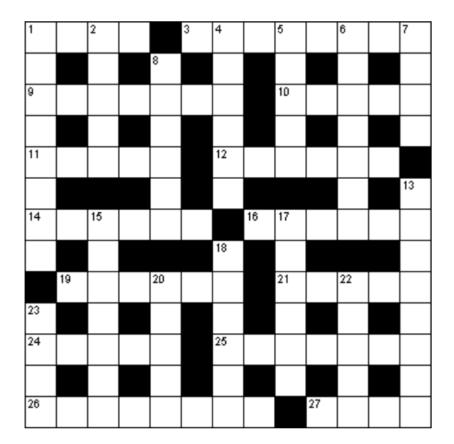
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- 9 New England state (7)
- **10** Brought about (7)
- 11 Metal worker (5)
- **12** Breathe in (6)
- **14** Affix (6)
- **18** Entice (5)
- **20** Garments (7)
- **22** Sunshade (7)
- **23** Modify (5)
- **24** Snug (5)
- **25** Greatly feared (7)

Down

- 1 "Tosca" composer (7)
- 2 Waned (5)
- **3** Clients (anag.) (7)
- 4 Share out (6)
- 5 Documents to be filled in (5)
- **6** Like a lion (7)
- 7 V-shaped incision (5)
- 13 Monotonous (7)
- 15 Desecrate (7)
- **16** Wished for (7)
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- 19 Flavoursome (5)
- **21** Detested (5)

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Crossword 2

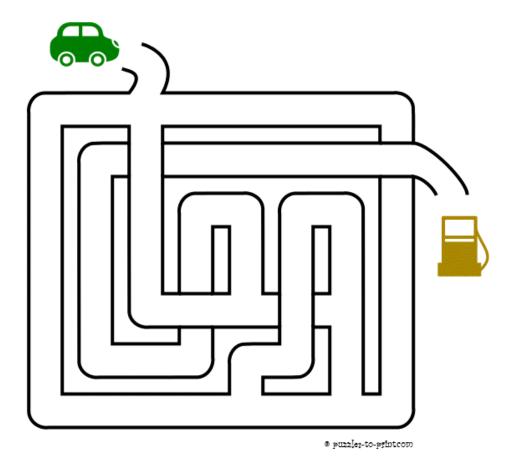


- 1 Compassion (4)
- 3 Slaughterhouse (8)
- **9** Die down (7)
- 10 Fracture (5)
- 11 Small edible crustacean (5)
- 12 Root vegetable (6)
- **14** Observe (6)
- 16 Clergyman (6)
- 19 Preliminary drawing (6)
- **21** Large book size (5)
- 24 Embellish (5)
- **25** Abridge (anag.) (7)
- **26** Incidentally (2,3,3)
- 27 Nautical unit of speed (4)

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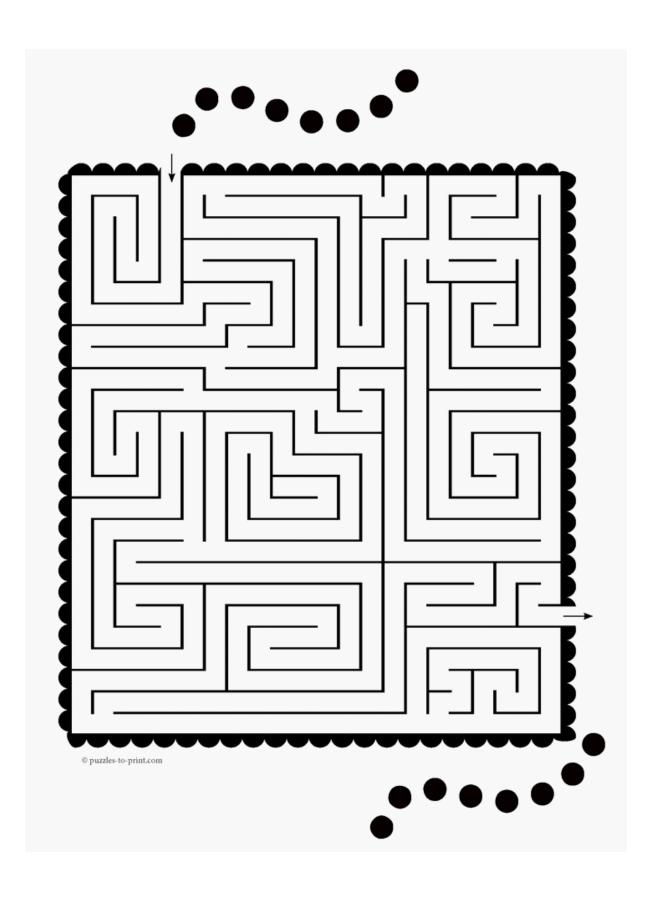
- 1 Put off, defer (8)
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- 5 Rome's river (5)
- 6 Burdensome (7)
- 7 Gardening tool (4)
- 8 Alfresco meal (6)
- 13 Blameless (8)
- **15** Extract (4,3)
- **17** Fully informed (2,4)
- 18 Morbid fear (6)
- 20 Metric weight (5)
- 22 Gain knowledge (5)
- **23** Raiment (4)

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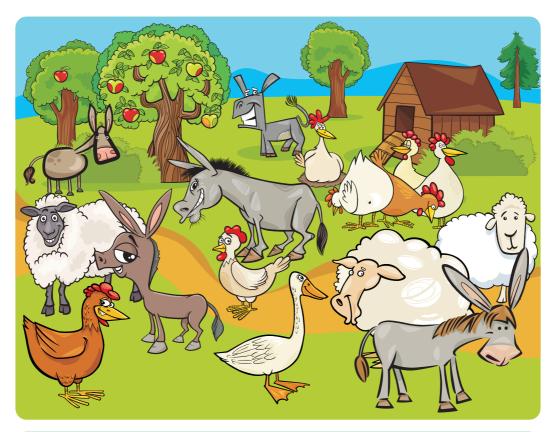
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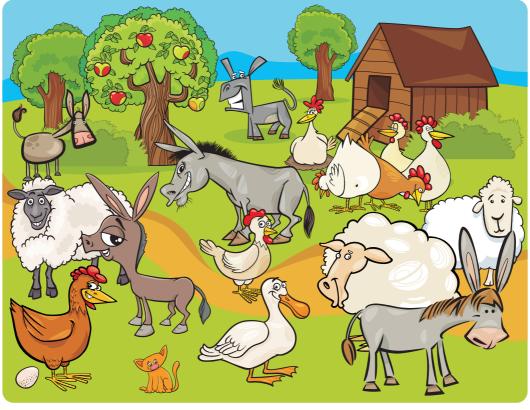
Can you help her find the shortest way to the service station so she does not run out of gas?



DIFTEREUCES

Find 10 differences.





DIFTEREUCES

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES.







Anagram Riddles ACT



Anagrams are words that contain the same letters but arranged in a different order. For example, act is an anagram of cat. The answers to the clues below are anagram pairs.

Ex)	A part of your body.	A male sheep.
_	arm	ram
1.	A short sleep during the day.	Something to cook with.
2.	An animal that people ride.	The place where land meets sea.
3.	Something you bake.	Hair on your face.
4.	A place to see art.	Something that makes you sneeze.
5.	Another word for jump.	Another word for white.
6.	An animal that lives in a pack.	Move like water.
7.	A dogs feet.	An insect that stings.
8.	A place to wash dishes.	What covers your body.
9.	The past tense of leap.	Something to serve food on.
10.	A sour fruit.	A juicy fruit.
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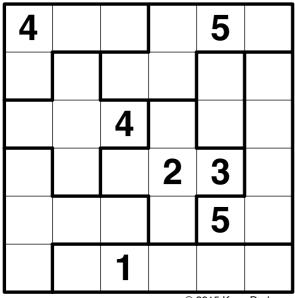
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Small Suguru by Krazydad, Volume 1, Book 1

Suguru #1



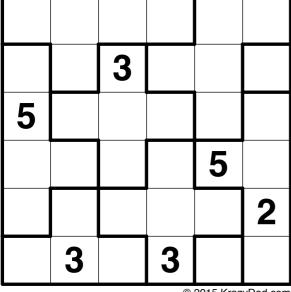
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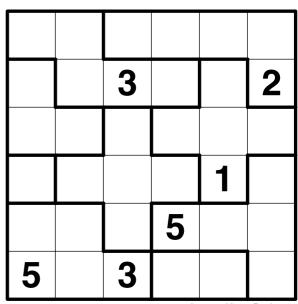
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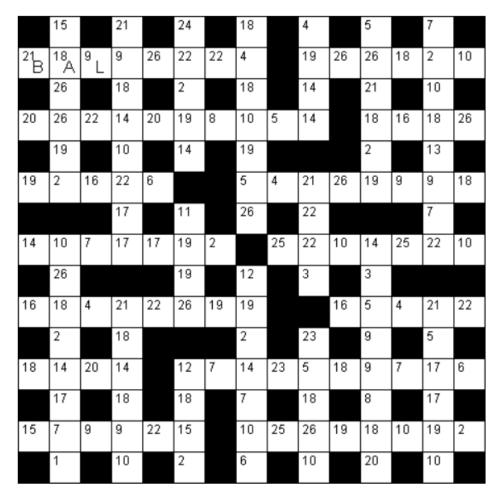


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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.



Codeword 1



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

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Codeword 2

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Would you be interested in borrowing a book or jigsaw puzzle to keep you occupied?

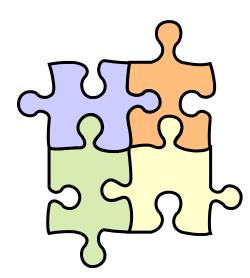


We are looking at the possibility of setting up a lending library if there is enough interest.

The books and jigsaws will be delivered and collected by Oxleas Volunteers. All items collected, would of course, be disinfected before being passed on.

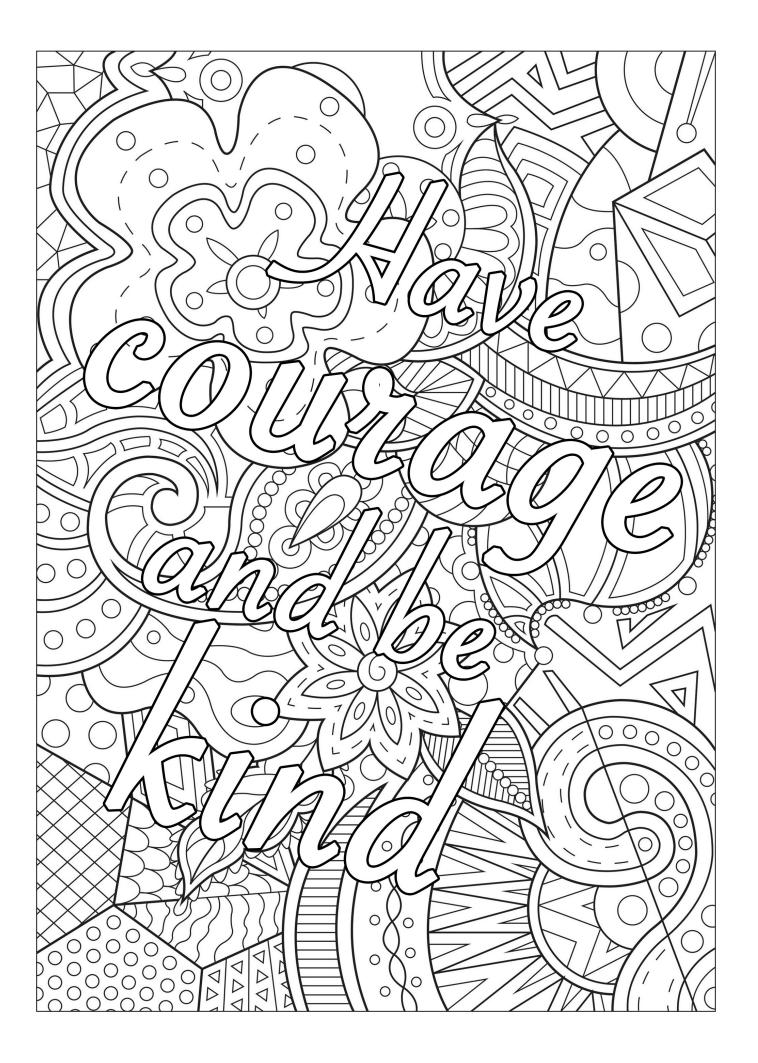
Please register your interest, saying which you'd be interested in by leaving your name and contact number with the Volunteer Service on: 0208 301 9847/459











Easy to Make Garden Bird Feeders



A simple cardboard tube feeder is easy to make and a quick tasty treat for birds

You will need

- A cardboard tube (a kitchen roll is perfect)
- Two long sticks or skewers
- Some lard or suet
- Birdseed
- A piece of string

First, make four holes in one end of your cardboard tube, these must be large enough for your sticks or skewers, but not so large that the sticks slide out. Make sure the holes opposite each other line up so that you can thread your stick through. Next, make two small holes opposite each other in the other end of your tube. Use a knife to cover your roll in lard or suet, vegetarian varieties are good too. Roll the tube in bird seed so that the seed sticks to the lard. Finally, carefully thread the sticks through to make a cross shape, and attached a piece of string to the two top holes. Then you're ready to hang your feeder outside!



The beauty of this feeder is that you can fill it with scraps as well as shop-bought seed.

You will need

- A large orange
- String
- Assorted nuts and seeds

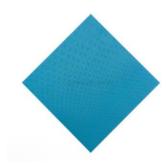
This one is really simple, simply cut a large orange in half and scoop out the insides. Then, thread two pieces of string through the orange so that it hangs upright. Fill the orange with whatever bird food you fancy. You could stick with birdseed or try peanuts, mealworms, suet, dried fruit or even leftovers such as cheese or cake.

The Art of Origami

Learn how to fold an origami bird using this step by step tutorial. This little origami bird looks like a pigeon, parakeet or other small bird.

We recommend using paper that is thin and at least 15 x 15 cm.





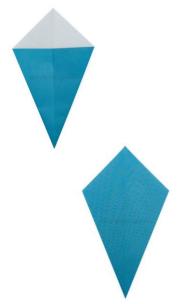
1. This is the front of our origami paper; most of the bird will end up being this colour.



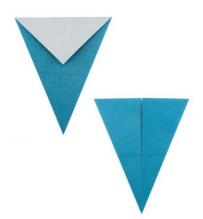
2. This is the back of our paper; the bird's head area will be this colour.



3. Fold the left point over to the right point and then unfold.



4. Fold the lower left and right diagonal edges to the middle then flip the paper over to the other side.



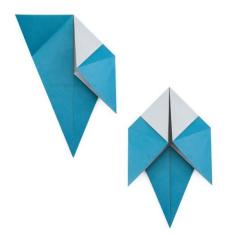
5. Fold the top point down then flip the paper back over to the other side.



6. Fold the top left and right points diagonally inwards and then unfold again



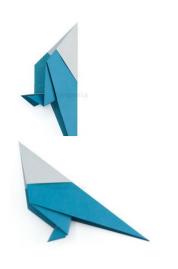
7. Open out the right side, reverse folding the front crease.



8. Flatten the point down completely. Repeat the same process on the other side.



9. Fold the two flaps as shown. They will become the bird's feet.



10. Fold the right side over to the left.

11. Rotate the model; you can now start to see a bird take shape.



12. Time to make the bird's head and beak. Fold the top point over into the desired head shape.



13. Unfold the last step and open out the top end and then inside reverse fold the beak, you can alter this as desired.



14. For the tail, fold the tip up, aligning with the back edge and then fold the tip back down, leaving a gap.



15. Unfold the previous 2 steps and open the bird up so you can see inside.



15. Next re-fold the pleat folds inside the bird



16. Re-fold the bird back together. If your bird has trouble standing, adjust the tail of the bird by pulling and re-folding into place.

Your origami bird is complete!

Spaghetti Bolognese



Serves 2 people

You will need:

220g x minced beef/lamb (or vegetarian mince)

1 x clove of garlic (crushed)

1 x 400g tin of chopped tomatoes

1 x stock cube (any kind)

100g x fresh mushrooms (chopped)

½ x fresh red pepper (chopped)

½ x onion (diced)

1 x tsp dried mixed herbs (or handful of fresh basil)

200g x dried spaghetti pasta

1 x tbsp of oil for cooking

Method

- 1. Take a medium sized saucepan and pour in the cooking oil.
- 2. To this add the onion, garlic, mushrooms and pepper and fry on a medium heat until softened.
- 3. Add the mince and continue to cook until the meat has turned brown.
- 4. To the saucepan now add the chopped tomatoes and crumble in the stock cube. Add the dried or fresh herbs.
- 5. Cook the Bolognese on a medium/low heat for 30-40 minutes. Your bolognaise should simmer do not allow to boil.

- 6. Cook your spaghetti pasta according to the instructions on the packet.
- 7. Drain the water from the spaghetti and put onto a dish. Add the cooked Bolognese sauce to the top.

Tips: Add a little parmesan cheese before serving. The Bolognese sauce can be frozen for up to 2 months.

If you have any Red Wine you add 2 x tbsp. of this to the Bolognese when adding the tomatoes.

Microwave Banana Pudding

You will need

Ingredients

100g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing

2 ripe bananas

100g light muscovado sugar

100g self-raising flour

2 tsp ground cinnamon

2 eggs

2 tbsp milk

Serve with ice cream or cream if you wish



Method

- 1. Put the butter in a 1-litre baking dish and microwave on High for 30 secs-1 min until melted.
- 2. Add 1½ bananas, mash into the melted butter, then add the sugar, flour, cinnamon, eggs and milk. Mix together well.
- 3. Slice the remaining banana over the top, then return to the microwave and cook on High for 8 mins until cooked thoroughly and risen.
- 4. Serve warm, dusted with icing sugar, if you like, with a drizzle of toffee sauce and a scoop of ice cream.

Between 3pm - 6pm weekdays, to keep your brain active why not see if you can answer any of the questions in the listed game shows.

Monday 04 May

Monady 04 May					
12:50pm	Film 4 - The Return of the Pink Panther - (1975) Crime comedy starring Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau				
3pm	ITV - Tenable - Game Show				
4pm	ITV - Tipping Point - Game Show				
5pm	ITV - The Chase - Game Show				
5:15pm	BBC1 - Pointless - Game Show				
8.30pm	ITV - Love your Garden				
0.000	BBC2 - Horizon - The Great British Intelligence Test. Mathematician Hannah Fry and doctor and broadcaster Michael Mosley join an Imperial College, London, experiment to assess the brainpower of the nation				
9pm	Film4 - Hidden Figures - (2016) Taraji P Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe star in an Oscar-nominated, fact-based drama about three women whose genius made significant contributions to the space race				

Tuesday 05 May

12:45pm	Film4 - The Pink Panther Strikes Again - (1976) Crime comedy sequel starring Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau				
3pm	ITV - Tenable - Game Show				
4pm	ITV - Tipping Point - Game Show				
5pm	ITV - The Chase - Game Show				
5:05pm	Film4 - The Harry Hill Movie - (2013) Surreal comedy with Harry Hill, Julie Walters & Matt Lucas				
5:15pm	BBC1 - Pointless - Game Show				
6:50pm	Film4 - Now you see me - (2013) Thriller with Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Mark Ruffalo, Isla Fisher & Morgan Freeman. 4 magicians commit a series of impressively bold robberies				

Wednesday 06 May

1:10pm	Film4 - Carry On Sergeant - (1958) First Carry On film made starring William Hartnell		
3pm	ITV - Tenable - Game Show		
4pm	ITV - Tipping Point - Game Show		
5pm	ITV - The Chase - Game Show		
5:15pm	BBC1 - Pointless - Game Show		
8pm	BBC1 - The Repair Shop - Family heirlooms are restored		
	Ch4 - Spring on Jimmy's Farm		
9pm	Film4 - The Last Witch Hunter - (2015) Violent supernatural horror starring Vin Diesel		
11.10pm	Film4 - Nowhere Boy - (2009) Biopic about the early years of John Lennon's life		

Thursday 07 May

3pm	ITV - Tenable - Game Show				
4pm	ITV - Tipping Point - Game Show				
5pm	ITV - The Chase - Game Show				
5:15pm	BBC1 - Pointless - Game Show				
Q	ITV - The Martin Lewis Money Show -				
8pm	Coronavirus Special				
9pm	Ch4 - First Dates Hotel				

Friday 08 May

3pm	ITV - Tenable - Game Show				
4pm	ITV - Tipping Point - Game Show				
5pm	ITV - The Chase - Game Show				
5:15pm	BBC1 - Pointless - Game Show				
5.:25pm	ITV2 - Film - The Secret Life of Pets (2016) Animation				
0	BBC1 - VE Day 75: A Musical Celebration				
8pm	Ch4 - Joe Lycett's Got Your Back - Consumer show with comedy				
8:30pm	ITV - Gardeners' World				
9pm	BBC1 - VE Day: Remembering Victory				

Saturday 09 May

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5:20pm	Ch4 - Spring at Jimmy's Farm				
7pm	Ch4 - A 4 Million pound Restoration: Historic House Rescue - Landmark Trust try to restore Llwyn Celyn, the Welsh medieval house back to its former glories				
7:30pm	BBC1 – Film – Darkest Hour – (2017) British Prime Minister Winston Churchill seeks to rally the nation against Germany's advance across Western Europe. Starring Gary Oldman, Lily James and Kristin Scott Thomas				
9pm	Ch4 - Film - Den of Thieves - (2018) Crime drama starring Gerard Butler & Jordan Bridges				

Sunday 10 May

Surrey 10 May					
11am	Film4 - The Return of the Pink Panther - (1975) Crime comedy starring Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau				
1:15pm	Film4 - The Pink Panther Strikes Again - (1976) Crime comedy sequel starring Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau				
3:20pm	Ch4 - Film - Over the Hedge - (2006) Animated comedy				
4:50pm	BBC1 - Penguins - Spy in the Huddle				
7:15pm	BBC1 - Antiques Roadshow				
8pm	Ch4 - The Fantastical Factory of Curious Craft				
8:15pm	BBC1 - Primates - Documentary				
9pm	Ch4 - Levison Wood treks alongside hundreds of elephants on their annual migration across Botswana				