

Family Learning Bulletin

November 2010

News Last Month:

- Two Nobel prizes (Physics & Medicine) were awarded to scientists based in Britain.
- The Ryder cup golf tournament between Europe and America was hosted in Wales.
- 33 Chilean miners trapped underground since August 5th were successfully rescued.
- England, Scotland, Northern Ireland & Wales gained a total of 51 gold medals at the Commonwealth Games.
- The Environment Agency announced that Otters are now found in every English County except Kent.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

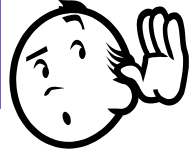
Thought is the sculptor who can create the person you want to be.

Next Month:

- Revision tips
- Mind mapping
- Calcium
- How to care for...



LISTENING SKILLS



To be a good listener you need to act like a good listener.

Modern lives are so busy we end up tuning out all of the information that is thrust at us.

It therefore becomes important to change our physical body language from that of a 'deflector' to that of a 'receiver', much like a satellite dish.

Our faces contain most of the receiving equipment in our bodies, so it is only natural that we should tilt our faces towards the person we are listening to.

We can also use other receptors besides our ears. You are a better listener when you *look* at the person speaking. Your eyes pick up the non-verbal signals that all people send out when they are speaking. By looking at the speaker, your eyes will also complete the eye contact that speakers are trying to make.

A speaker will work harder at sending out the information when they see you are listening.

BRAINBOX

Can you put the groups of three letters below together to make ten 9 letter words?

dat	gra	alb	ang	phy	mem
oss	ion	lan	bio	til	tor
str	ent	oxi	ape	ize	pre
han	led	dle	fer	tor	dsc
atr	ble	men	bar	ora	sid

answer
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CAREER ABC

CIVIL ENGINEER

Civil engineers design and build structures for the community.

These can be buildings, tunnels, airports, railway lines and roads. Also they design and construct quays, docks, dams and canals as well as water, drainage and sewage facilities in towns and cities. They build bridges, towers, skyscrapers, factories and power plant buildings using concrete, steel and other building materials.

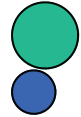
Civil engineers need to be good at Mathematics and Physical Science. They should be able to work well with other people and to communicate clearly. The ability to speak more than one language is an advantage.

Website of the month:

<http://www.bartbonte.com/kliekwerk/>

How quick on the draw are you with your mouse?

Can you click and point at speed?



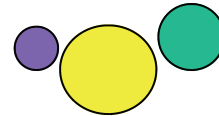
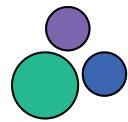
Are you a space bar wizard?

Improve your reaction times with this simple but fun game.

Reach a score of 3,000 to get a bonus round!



Then to relax try circle therapy at <http://www.cesmes.fi/pallo.swf>



QUIZZLEPUZZLES

- How many nines between 1 and 100?
- Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What is the answer?

My Word!

Galimatias

A confused mixture of unrelated things.

A useful word to politely tell someone that what they are saying makes no sense whatsoever!

DID YOU

KNOW....



Your fingernails grow four times as fast as your toenails.
Eyelashes last about 150 days.
Children have more taste buds than adults.

A BETTER YOU

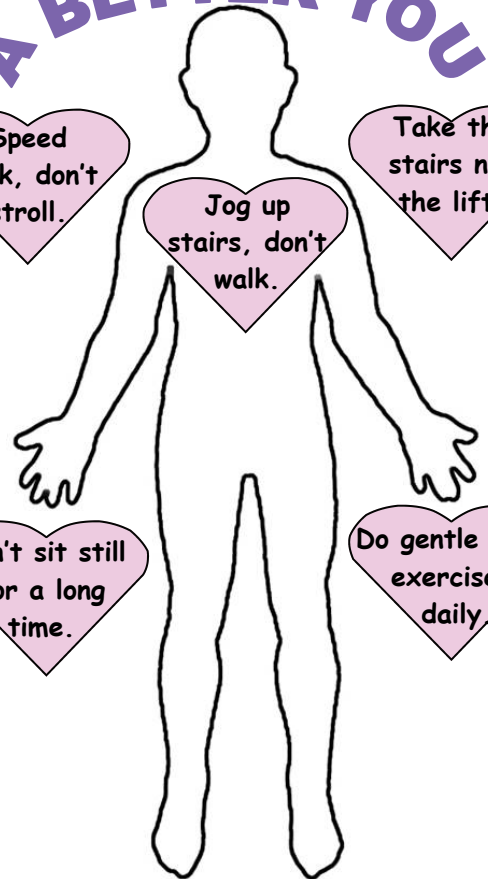
Speed walk, don't stroll.

Take the stairs not the lift.

Jog up stairs, don't walk.

Don't sit still for a long time.

Do gentle neck exercises daily.



LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS-
BRAINQUIZ: in a Dictionary.

MATHEMAGICIAN: Cut XII into two halves horizontally. You get VII on the top half.