

Know the Signs. Find the Words. Reach Out.

Crossword Puzzle

Activity Guide

Crossword puzzles are a fun way of learning terms and facts in both an individual, as well as a group or community setting. Utilize this crossword puzzle as part of events, with a group of friends and family virtually, or distribute in community settings.

What's in the Game:

Instructions
Printable Crossword Puzzle
Answer Key



What You'll Need:

Printed Crossword Puzzle(s)
Writing utensils



How to Play:

Accessing Materials:

Everything you need can be viewed and downloaded at EMMResourceCenter.org or at www.SuicidelsPreventable.org.

- To print, download the "Suicide Prevention Crossword Puzzle-Personal" pdf file. This will take you to a print-friendly document that can be printed on your home or office computer.
- In order to get a printout of all of the answers for the puzzle, download the "Suicide Prevention Crossword Puzzle Answer Key".

Objective:

- Enter a correct answer in the crossword puzzle grid for each puzzle clue.

Clues:

- Across clues have answers that consist of words whose letters run horizontally (from left to right) across the grid.
- Down clues have answers that consist of words whose letters run vertically (from top to bottom).
- Each across and down clue is assigned a unique number. This number corresponds to the number for its answer in the grid.
- Answers must fit within the allotted space given for the clue.
- Words in the crossword puzzle will cross each other, this fact is the source of inspiration for the name of the game, crossword!

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General Play:

1. Select a clue from the 'across' or 'down' lists.
2. Think up possible answers to the clue.
3. Place the first letter of your answer for a specific clue in the grid, starting with the numbered white square that corresponds to the clue's type (across or down) and number.
4. Continue placing letters into the white squares that follow, one for each white square, until either the grid perimeter or a black box is reached.
5. The game ends when every white square is filled in with an answer that the solver believes to be correct. That's all there is to it!

Group or Community Play:

The below are a few examples of how to play in a group or community setting.

- Host a tournament where individuals or teams compete to see who can complete the crossword puzzle in the fastest amount of time.
- Post the crossword puzzle in a lobby or breakroom along with writing utensils and encourage individuals to write-in answers throughout the day.
- Place printed copies of the crossword puzzle in a lobby or at a reception desk for individuals to take and play on their own.
- Utilize the crossword puzzle as an icebreaker or group activity where you read out the questions to a group and everyone works together to solve.
- Add the crossword puzzle to your website or a community newsletter! Challenge people to solve the puzzle and post a picture to their social media channels.

