WHO SHOULD USE THESE AND WHEN?

These are simple activities for residents with limited or no cognitive impairment to use independently, or with the support of staff, volunteers or friends or family if cognitive impairment is more developed.

They can be used in a group setting, 1-to-1 with family, friends or staff, or in isolation – all that’s needed is a pencil and eraser!

HOW CAN YOU INTRODUCE OR SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES?

There are images of objects from the Wallace Collection on each activity sheet side, as well as basic facts (like title, artist, medium, etc.), a short paragraph about the object and a “spark question”.

APART FROM THE RESIDENT DOING THE ACTIVITY, YOU CAN HELP THEM ENGAGE FURTHER BY:

- Discussing the theme (like “joy” or “letter-writing”) of the activity sheet with them.
- Starting a conversation with the “spark question”.
- Looking at the object image and asking them what they see – is it similar or different from the description?
- Helping them to search the Wallace Collection website for more hi-res images and information. https://wallacelive.wallacecollection.org/eMP/eMuseumPlus
- Asking if they would like additional activities, contact Holly Power for many more options. holly.power@wallacecollection.org
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Porcelain ink tray Sèvres, France 1759

What is the most memorable letter you've ever received?

Crossword

 Treasury

What kind of music is this?

Lambeth

Name of a city

LEEDS

What do you keep in a drawer?
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ACROSS
1 What type of artwork is this?
2 Artist’s Nationality

DOWN
1 Artists Surname
2 What is the woman leaning on?
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Gabriel Metsu, The Letter Writer Surprised oil on panel, c. 1658-60

Abbreviation for what? Letter-writers use abbreviations on envelopes – how many of the abbreviations below do you know? Time yourself if you want an extra challenge!

Mr ___________________________ Nr ___________________________

Mrs _________________________ C/O _________________________

Ms __________________________ RSVP _________________________

Messrs ________________________ Approx ______________________
This may have been a gift from King Louis XV of France to his daughter Marie-Adélaïde. The pen rests on the tray, while the globes hold an inkwell and sand or metal powder to dry the ink. The crown at the centre held a bell for ringing a servant when the letter was finished!

**Practice writing calligraphy**

When was the last time you wrote a letter?

Use calligraphy on a letter or envelope to family or friends.
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When was the last time you wrote a letter? To whom?

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Find 10 words in the word search!

Porcelain, Scroll
Sevres, Crown
Ink, Louis
France, King
Cherub, Bell
When was the last time you wrote a letter? To Whom?

Spot the difference

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Circle or colour the 6 differences on the two crowns below.
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METSU
ACTIVITY 1

Mr  mister
Mrs  missus
Ms  mizz (non status)
Messrs plural of Mister
Nr  near
C/O  care of
RSVP  Respondez s’il vous plaît
Approx  approximately

METSU
ACTIVITY 2

1 Painting
2 Dutch

INK STAND
ACTIVITY 2

Porcelain
Sevres
Ink
France
Cherub

Porcelain
Sevres
Ink
France
Cherub

INK STAND
ACTIVITY 3

Scroll
Crown
Louis
King
Bell