



### 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://wallacecollection.org/eMP/eMuseumPlus>

Asking if they would like additional activities, contact Holly Power for many more options. [holly.power@wallacecollection.org](mailto:holly.power@wallacecollection.org)

# WRITING TO LOVED ONES

AT THE WALLACE COLLECTION

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Gabriel Metsu, The Letter Writer Surprised, c.1658-60

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METSU ACTIVITY 2



In this painting by Dutch artist Metsu, a young woman neglects her domestic chores to read a letter and write a response. Her jealous lover sneaks a peek over her shoulder as a bass-viol leans against a wall, representing a lack of harmony in their relationship.

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

*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 the abbreviations below do you know?  
Time yourself if you want an extra challenge!

Mr \_\_\_\_\_

Nr \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

C/O \_\_\_\_\_

Ms \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP \_\_\_\_\_

Messrs \_\_\_\_\_

Approx \_\_\_\_\_

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INK STAND ACTIVITY 1



Porcelain ink tray, 1759

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## When was the last time you wrote a letter?

### Practice writing calligraphy

Use calligraphy on a letter or envelope to family or friends.

*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*  
*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 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9*

Blank calligraphy practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

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

**Find 10 words in the word search!**

Porcelain

Scroll

Sevres

Crown

Ink

Louis

France

King

Cherub

Bell

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INK STAND ACTIVITY 3



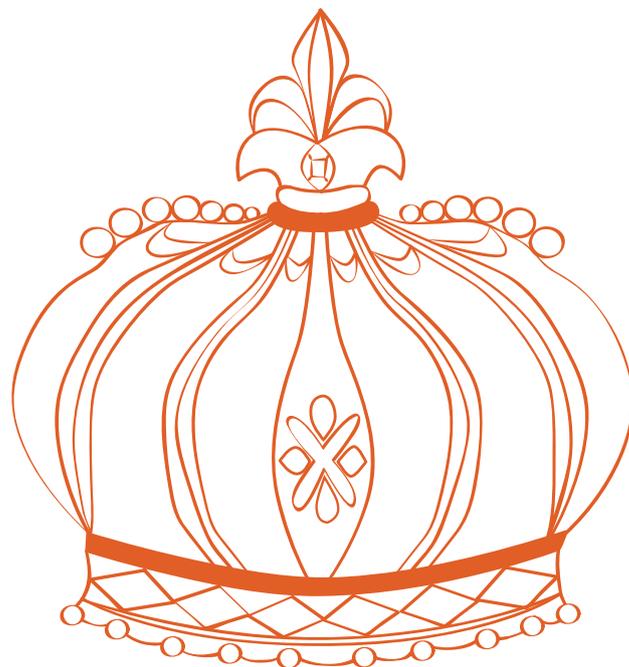
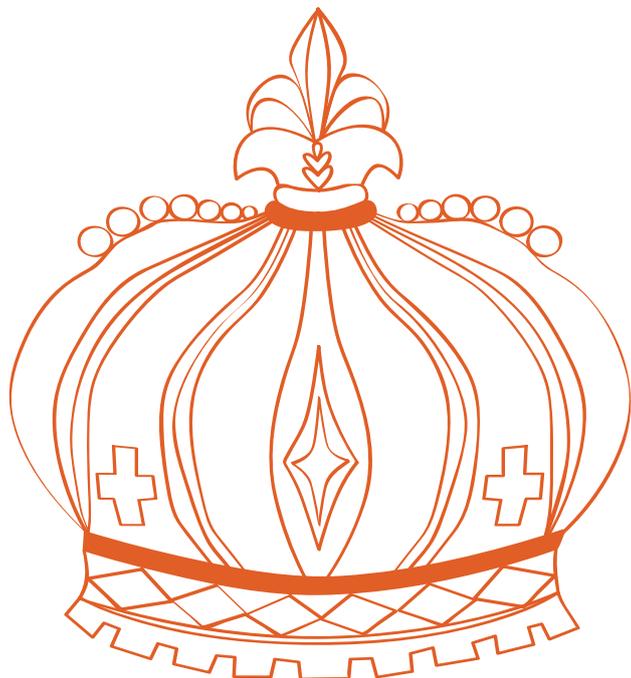
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**Spot the difference**

Circle or colour the 6 differences on the two crowns below.



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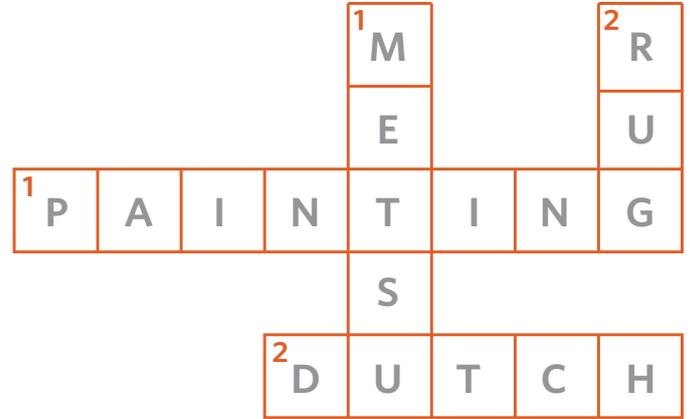
ANSWER KEY

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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 *Repondez s'il vous plait*
- Approx *Approximately*

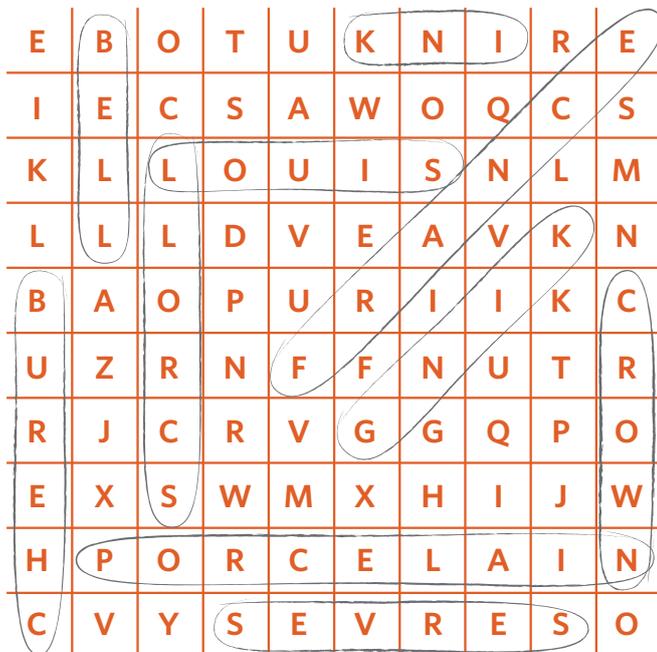
## METSU ACTIVITY 2



ACROSS  
1 Painting  
2 Dutch

DOWN  
1 Metsu  
2 Rug

## INK STAND ACTIVITY 2



Porcelain  
Sevres  
Ink  
France  
Cherub

Scroll  
Crown  
Louis  
King  
Bell

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