Ridgebacks Stress Buster Kit

Move Your Body!

Our bodies are meant to move. We feel our best when we move.

In just a few minutes, physical activity can boost metabolism, decrease stress and increase self-confidence.

You may choose to;

- Rock out to your fave song!
- Stretch while studying.
- Get your heart muscle pumping by walking,
- marching or jogging (even on the spot)!
- Master jumping rope.
- Take your dog for a stroll.
- Build a snowman.
- Deep clean your room.
- Try hula hooping!
- Play musical chairs!
- Try a workout video!
- Build a fort.
- Make an indoor obstacle course.
- Learn a dance routine.
- Play Twister!

Moving helps us study better, concentrate better and sleep better.

Why not move right now!?

Wellness and Learning resources are here for you

Wellness Resources

Visit <u>campusrecreationcentre.com</u> for virtual wellness resources and classes!

Access your wellness portal at mystudentplan.ca/ontario-tech/en/mywellness

Study Together

Stay accountable and on track by studying together with other students for exams in a quiet virtual space!

December 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. December 14 from noon to 2 p.m. Visit <u>studentlifeportal.ontariotechu.ca</u> to join.

Learning Communities

Math Study Hall, Chemistry Study Hall and Physics Study Hall all have exam hours.

Visit<u>ontariotechu.ca/studentlearning</u> for details

Course specific exam preparation workshops available

Visit<u>studentlifeportal.ontariotechu.ca</u> to register.

STRIDE Study Skills Workshops

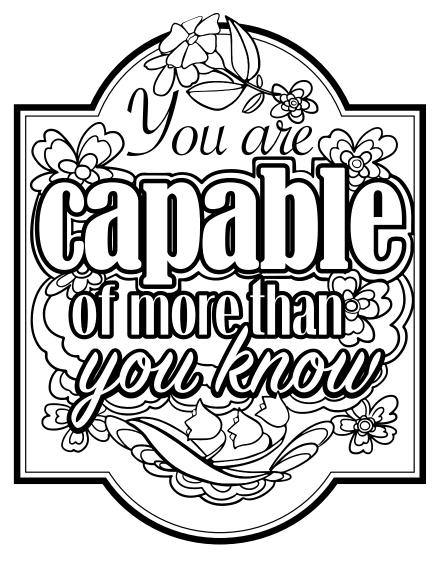
Attend any STRIDE workshop between November 16 and December 18 to be entered to win a \$25 Indigo gift card.

Workshops include:

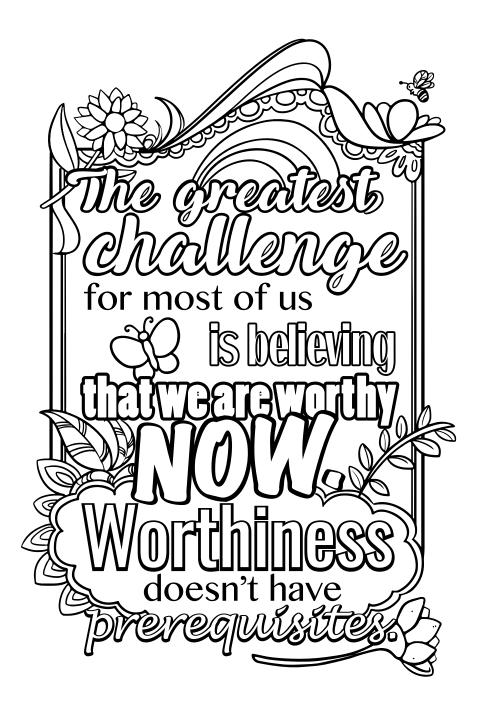
Expect Success: Exam Study Planning Mastering Multiple Choice Exams Tame your Test Anxiety How to catch up on your textbook readings

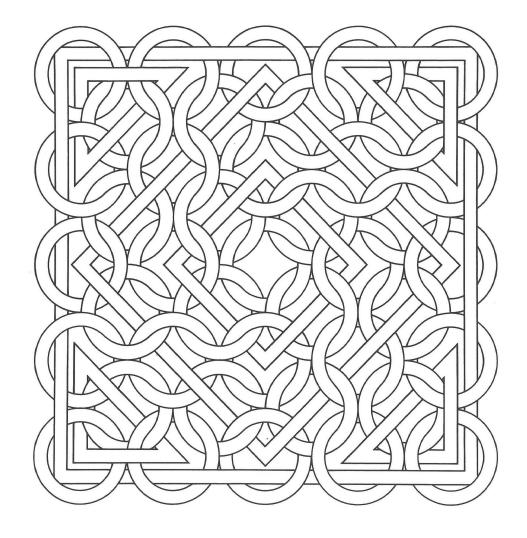
Register to attend at studentlifeportal.ontariotechu.ca





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Ontario Tech Ridgebacks Word Search

Sports and Faculties

| Badminton |
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| Basketball |
| Business |
| Curling |
| Education |
| Engineering |
| Humanities |
| Information |
| Lacrosse |

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| Ridgeback |
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Gratitude Exercise

Practicing gratitude consistently is a proven way of improving the overall happiness in your life, as well as the quality of your relationships, health, mood and satisfaction. Here are some questions to get your started:

- **1.** What aspects of your personality do you believe are unique and are grateful for?
- **4.** What is something that a person has done for you that has made you feel grateful?

2. What is something you get to enjoy everyday that you think might be taken for granted?

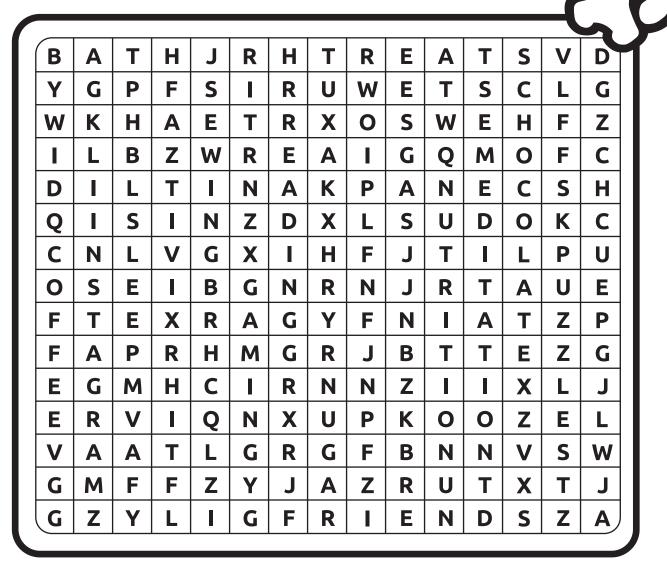
5. How have you used your unique talents recently and what did you enjoy about it?

- **3.** What is a hard lesson that you were grateful to learn in the past that has made you a better person?
- **6.** What made you smile or laugh today?

Ontario Tech Ridgebacks Word Search

Self-care

- Sleep Meditation Nutrition Treats Coffee Friends Family Reading
- Puzzles Bath Chocolate Gaming Instagram Sewing





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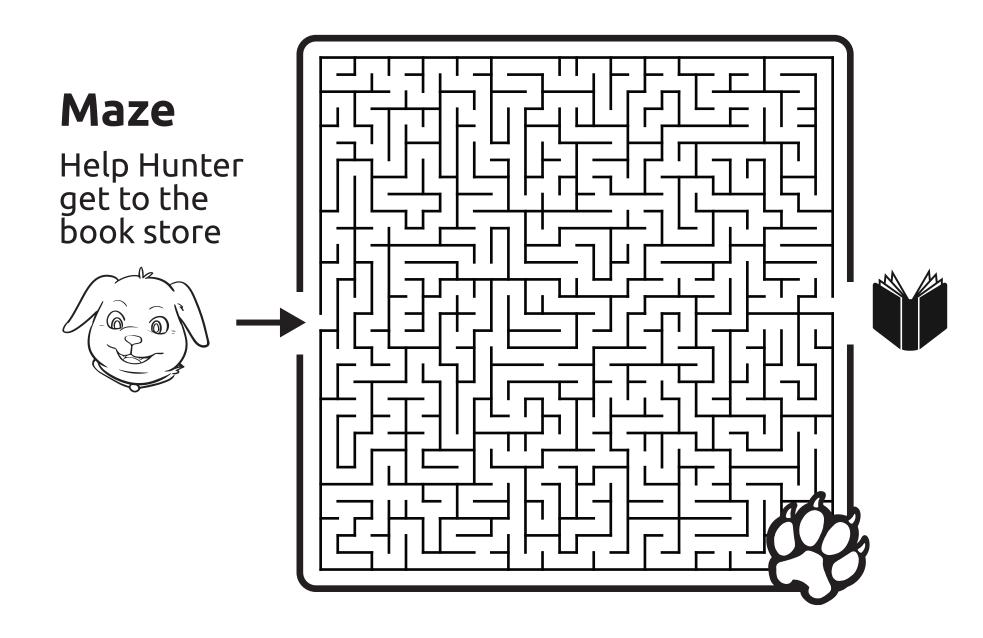
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Sports and Faculties

| Cricket | Library |
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| Dance | Lecture |
| Energy | Nuclear |
| Faculty | Ontario |
| Golf | Online |
| Health | Ridgeback |
| Hockey | Science |
| Lab | Study |
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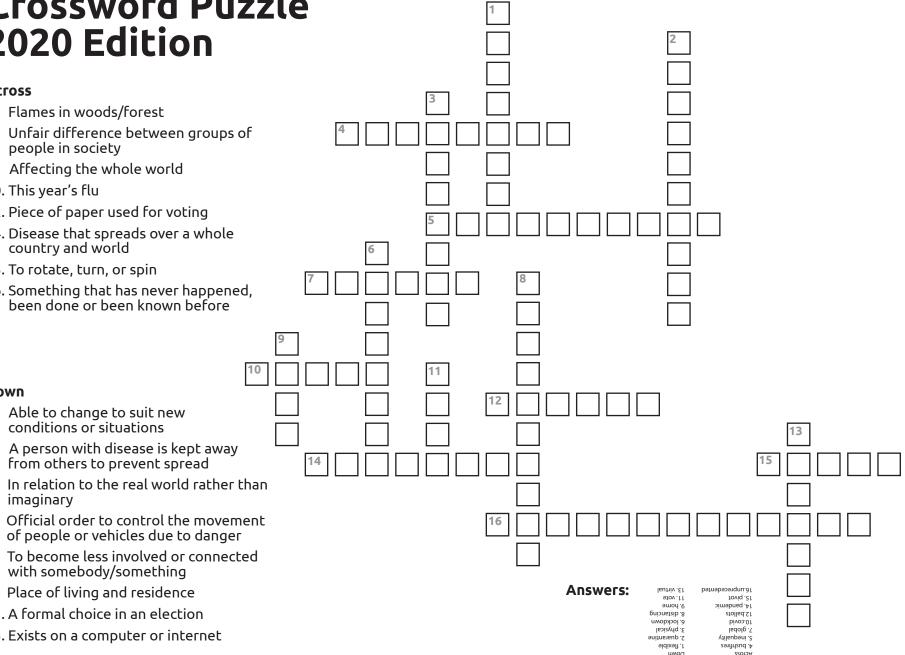
Crossword Puzzle 2020 Edition

Across

- 4. Flames in woods/forest
- 5. Unfair difference between groups of people in society
- 7. Affecting the whole world
- 10. This year's flu
- 12. Piece of paper used for voting
- 14. Disease that spreads over a whole country and world
- 15. To rotate, turn, or spin
- 16. Something that has never happened, been done or been known before

Down

- 1. Able to change to suit new conditions or situations
- 2. A person with disease is kept away from others to prevent spread
- 3. In relation to the real world rather than imaginary
- 6. Official order to control the movement of people or vehicles due to danger
- 8. To become less involved or connected with somebody/something
- 9. Place of living and residence
- 11. A formal choice in an election
- 13. Exists on a computer or internet



Basic tips for de-stressing:

- Aim for your "window of wellness" where you are not feeling too revved up or too sleepy
- Try "square breathing" to regulate your nervous system: inhale for four seconds, hold your breath for four seconds, exhale for four seconds, hold for four seconds, and continue!

Mental Health Helplines:

| Good2Talk – for post-secondary students in Ontario | Phone: 1.866.925.5454 Text: GOOD2TALKON to 686868 | 24/7 |
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| Crisis Services | Phone: 1.833.456.4566 | Call: 24/7 |
| Canada | Text: 45645 | Text: 4 p.m. to midnight |
| Youthline – peer support for 2SLGBTQ+ youth | Text: 647.694.4275 | 4 to 9:30 p.m. |
| Naseeha Youth | Phone: 1.866.627.3342 | Monday to Friday |
| Helpline | Text: 1.866.627.3342 | Noon to 9 p.m. |

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Online resources

Insight Timer: insighttimer.com

Calm: calm.com

Campus mental health resources for exam time:

Self-help resources through Ontario Tech Mental Health Website: <u>studentlife.ontariotechu.ca/services/health-and-wellness/mental-health-services/resources-and-self-help/</u>

Student Mindfulness Group Thursdays at 11am through exam period: <u>studentlife.ontariotechu.ca/services/health-and-wellness/mental-health-services/groups-and-initiatives/support-groups.php</u> Student Mental Health Services – referrals and counselling:

studentlife.ontariotechu.ca/services/health-and-wellness/mental-health-services/therapy-and-specialized-supports/