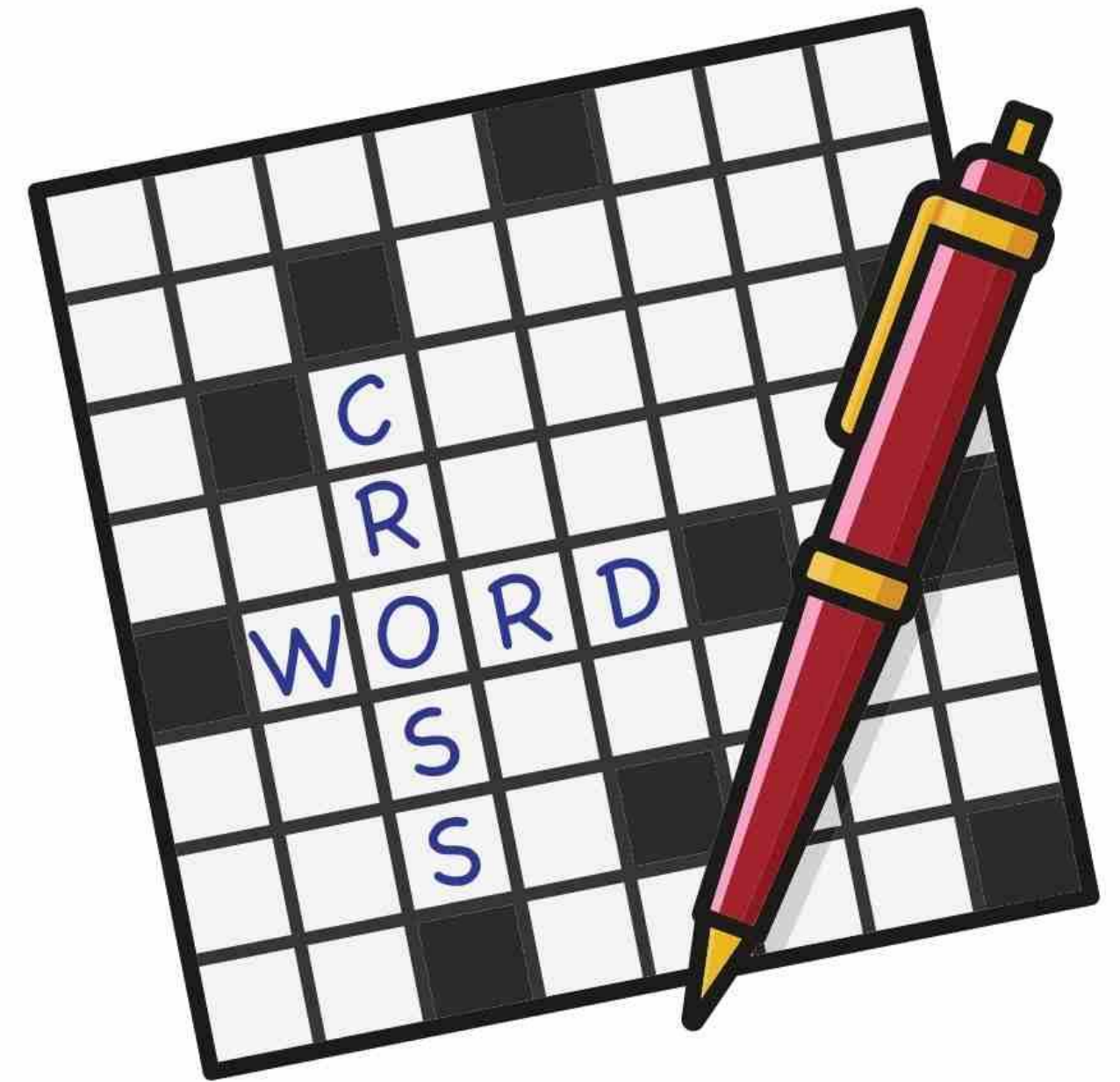


# ➤ Questions

1. Did you do puzzles in your childhood?
2. When do you do puzzles - during a trip or when you feel bored?
3. Do you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles?
4. Do you think it is good for old people to do puzzles?

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



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**pretty** = quite

**specifically** = exactly

**jigsaws** = a puzzle with a picture printed on cardboard/wood and cut into pieces of different shapes that have to be fitted together

**I'm not entirely sure** = I don't really know

**to be classed as** = to consider someone or something to belong to a particular group

## 1. Did you do puzzles in your childhood?

I'm **pretty** sure I did but I can't remember

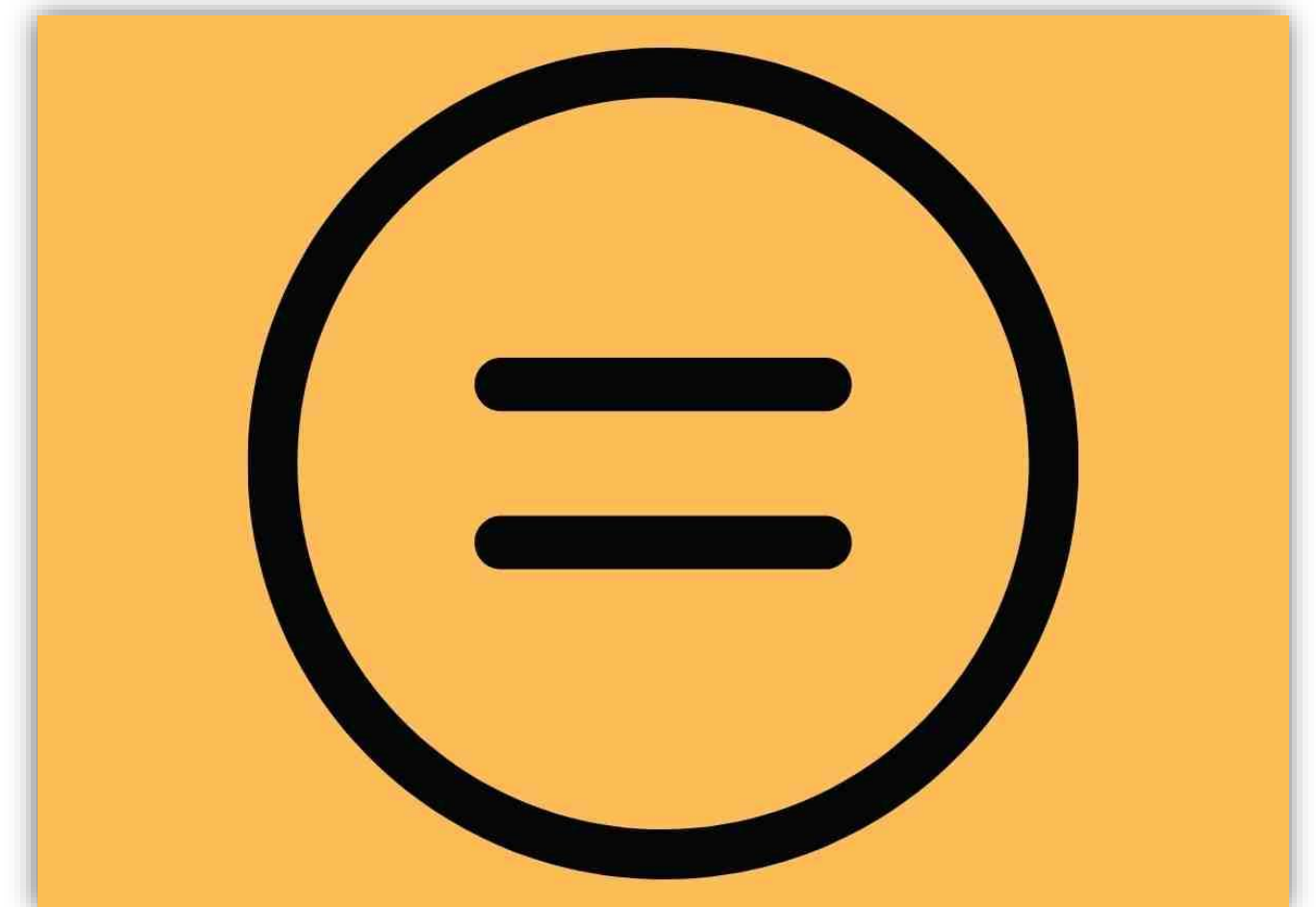
**specifically** which ones. Oh, I used to do **jigsaws**, but

**I'm not entirely sure they are classed as** puzzles.



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**neither** = not one or the other of two people or things

**to pass the time** = to do something to keep busy while waiting

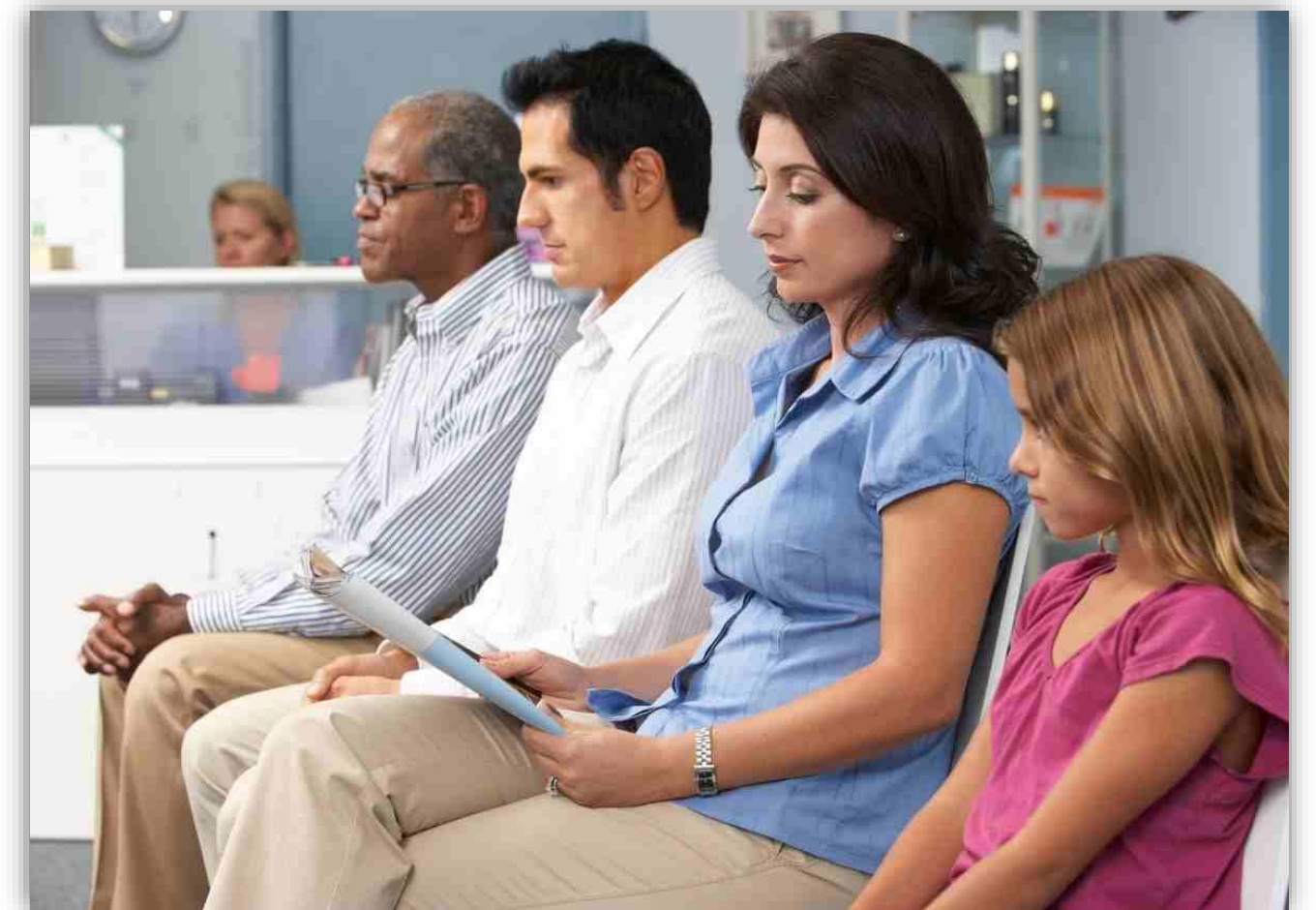
**I was playing** = the past continuous – good for Grammatical Range & Accuracy

**scrabble** = a word game – the phone app ‘Words with Friends’

**the waiting room** = the place where you wait in the doctor’s/dentist’s

## 2. When do you do puzzles - during a trip or when you feel bored?

**Neither** really, I tend to use them **to pass the time** when I’m waiting for something. For example, last week I had a dentist’s appointment and **I was playing scrabble** in **the waiting room**.



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**I don't really mind** = we use this when we want to say 'I'm happy with both choices'

**to get into** = to become interested in

**competitive** = wanting very much to win or be more successful than other people

**to say the least** = to not describe something in the strongest way you could, often in order to be polite



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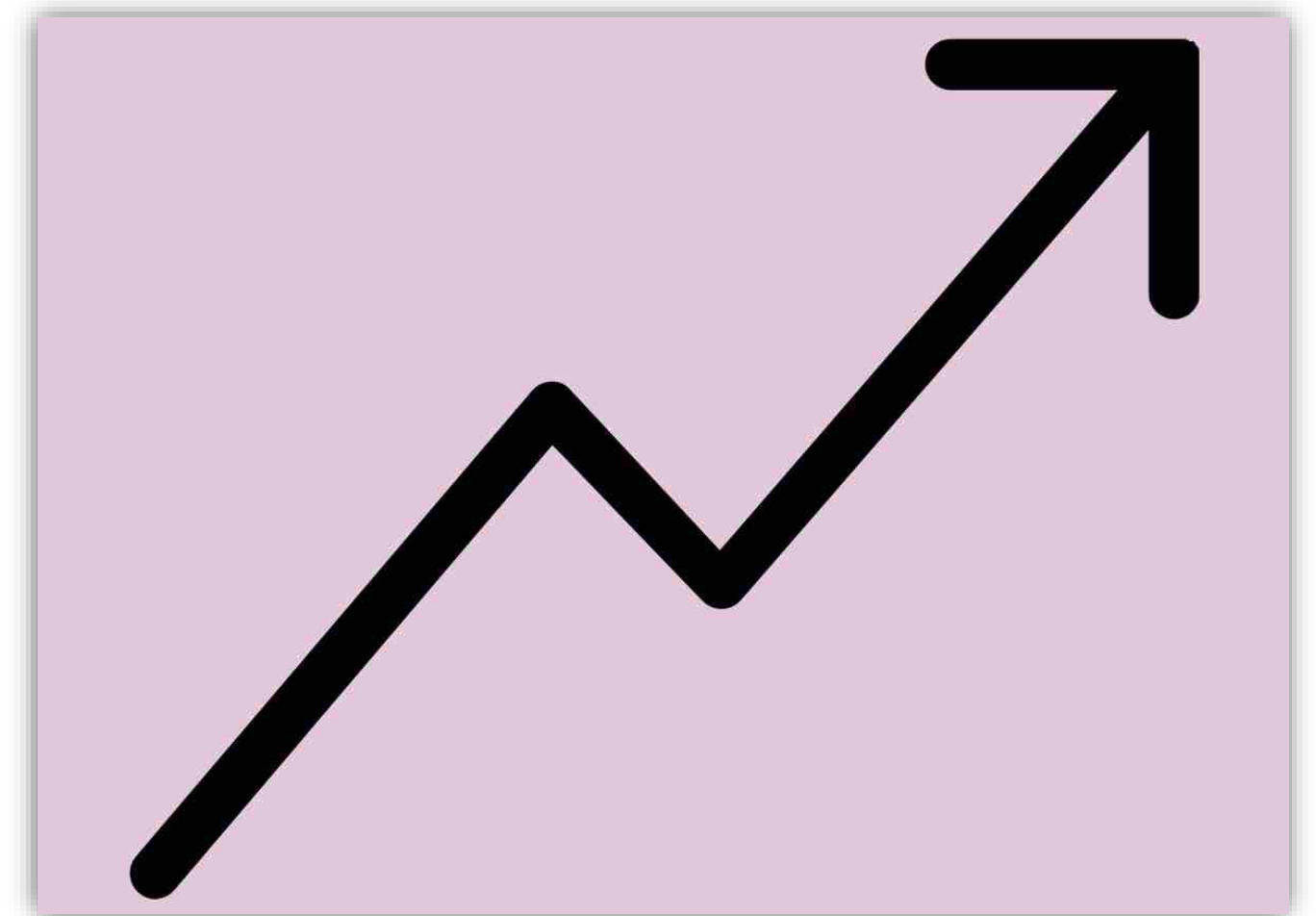
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### 3. Do you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles?

**I don't really mind**, but **I've recently got into** scrabble and I'm playing that a lot at the moment. I play it with a couple of mates and we're quite **competitive**, **to say the least**.



**a great deal of** = a lot of  
**scientific evidence** = studies that have been done  
**cognitive abilities** = Cognitive abilities are the main skills your brain uses to think, read, learn, remember, reason, and pay attention  
**short-term memory** = the ability to remember things that happened just a few moments ago  
**dementia** = a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities



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## 4. Do you think it is good for old people to do puzzles?

There is **a great deal of scientific evidence** that doing them improves **cognitive abilities**. They can help with **short-term memory** and reduce the risk of **dementia**.

