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Real Special News

In our website Lucid Assessment section, we sell the very popular Lucid range of dyslexia screeners (e.g. LADS, LASS, CoPS), Memory Booster and Reading Booster. We now have a new Lucid product at a special introductory offer!

Called **Lucid Exact**, this is a great tool for high school teacher and those working with adults and provides comprehensive assessment of literacy from age 11 to 24.

Exact provides the complete test for exam access arrangements and often used in the UK to identify those who may need to apply for support during exams e.g. reader-writers.

Lucid Exact provides precise standardised assessment of:

- Word recognition/reading accuracy
- Reading comprehension
- Reading speed
- Spelling
- Writing to dictation
- Keyboarding to dictation

Quality features of Lucid Exact:

- Easy to administer
- Takes about 30-40 minutes
- Two parallel forms for repeated assessment
- Results in standard scores and percentiles.

What is the difference between Lucid Exact and LASS 11-15?

Exact and LASS are quite different assessment tools:

Lucid Exact is a suite of attainment tests which are helpful in identifying learning problems and in suggesting dyslexia, but do not shed light on the underlying nature or causes of those problems.

Lucid LASS, on the other hand, is a diagnostic assessment tool that gives information on key underlying learning skills such as reasoning, memory and phonological processing and to identify conditions such as dyslexia.

For comprehensive assessment efficiency, both **Lucid LASS** and **Lucid Exact** should be used.

Exact comes in 1, 3 or 5 year license options.

1 year license: Normally \$350 + \$43.75 GST (total 393.75).

On special at \$275 + 34.48 GST, total **\$309.38**

Total saving \$75 + GST = **\$84.38**

For more information, see our Lucid Assessment section. On the Lucid Exact page you can view a demo, print a sample report, and view / print the teachers' manual.

Many Lucid products come with free downloadable trials and printable resources – see our pages for details.



Featured websites



This month's choices are:

Free resources for learning Japanese

Free e-books

Free dyslexia information

Free resources for learning Japanese

<http://www.nihongo-e-na.com/>

NIHONGO e Portal (from the Japan Foundation) for Learning Japanese is a site with all kinds of websites and online tools useful for studying Japanese.

The home page has links for both English and Japanese.

Contents

You can search the site by choosing from 12 categories, such as 'Speaking', 'Listening' etc.

You can also specify the Japanese level i.e. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

The contents of the featured websites are presented as an itemised list, complete with screenshots.

The 'How to...' section explains how to use websites and gives simple instructions for operating online tools.



Free e-books

<http://www.witguides.com>

The comprehensive free e-books library is the premier online source for a wide range of useful e-books that are completely free with no need to sign-up or buy anything.

You can download e-books safely and securely from their directory.

Each book that is submitted to them is reviewed and tested for content, spam and viruses.

Categories include:

- Novels and stories
- Arts and humanities
- Business
- Education
- Games and fun
- House and garden
- Pets and animals
- Sports
- Internet and computers
- Religion and cultures
- World and travel

Free dyslexia information

<http://www.4d.org.nz/school/download.html>

The New Zealand Dyslexia Foundation has a section of free downloadable information for schools on how to identify and help dyslexic students.

The '4Dis for dyslexia: A guide for New Zealand Schools' also has lots of information that would be useful for parents – you can just print off the relevant pages from the PDF.



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. Brrr, it has been so cold, especially at night that my favourite place at the moment is snuggling on my cushion in front of the wood fire!

It does look lovely to see the snow on the mountains but I don't think I'd actually like to see it close up as I don't like being cold plus if I fell in it, they might not find me!

To remind myself of sunnier days, I have this lovely gingham coat with a sun embroidered on it – it brings a bit of cheer when it is too cold to go out.



Have you been watching the World Cup? I am so pleased the All Whites did well (Bobby dog and I are both the right colour for supporting them!)

My dad says that the England team has been a joke so I'm not sure why he's not laughing? To cheer him up, I have found some soccer / football jokes:

Just for fun – Edith's jokes

Q: Which goal keeper can jump higher than a crossbar?

A: All of them, a crossbar can't jump!

Q: How did the football pitch end up as triangle?

A: Somebody took a corner

Q: What is the footballer's favourite drink?

A: Penalte!

Q: If you have a referee in football, what do you have in bowls?

A: Cornflakes!

Q: What part of a football pitch smells the nicest?

A: The scenter spot!

Q: What do footballers and magicians have in common?

A: They both do hat tricks.

Sudoku for June

The solution is on page 4.

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

Easy recipe

Whole meal carrot cake

Carrot cakes are a real kiwi icon and great for this time of year as carrots are in season. This recipe is one of three from the Chelsea Sugar website www.chelsea.co.nz



Ingredients:

Carrot cake

- 2 cups Chelsea Soft Brown Sugar
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 3/4 cups whole meal flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla essence
- 4 eggs (beaten)
- 3 cups carrots (grated)

Cream Cheese icing

- 125g cream cheese, softened
- 50g butter, softened
- 2 1/2 cups Chelsea Icing sugar

Method

Mix brown sugar, oil, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves and vanilla essence into a large bowl.

Add beaten eggs. Fold in flour and baking soda.

Lastly, fold in grated carrots one cup at a time until all the carrots are in the mixture.

Pour mixture into a well-greased baking paper, lined 23cm round cake tin.

Bake at 180°C for 1 hour and 15 mins or until skewer comes out clean.

Cream Cheese Icing

Beat all ingredients together and spread over top of cake.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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