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**What is the cognitive stimulation program for dementia patients?** How CST Works. Group CST treatment involves 14 or more sessions of themed activities, which typically run twice weekly. Sessions aim to actively stimulate and engage people with dementia while providing an optimal learning environment and the social benefits of a group.

**What is the difference between cognitive stimulation therapy and cognitive training?** Cognitive stimulation therapy refers to “the participation in a range of activities aimed at improving cognitive and social functioning”(3) while cognitive training refers to “the guided practice of specific standardized tasks designed to enhance particular cognitive functions”(3).

**What are cognitive programs for dementia patients?** Cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) involves activities and exercises that encourage thinking, concentration, communication and memory in the person with dementia. It involves talking about day-to-day interests, past events and memories, and information relating to the current time and place.

**What is group cognitive stimulation therapy?** Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) is a weekly one- to two-hour-long programme for people living with mild to moderate dementia. Group members take part in meaningful and stimulating

activities, proven to help maintain memory and mental functioning.

**What activities are involved in cognitive stimulation therapy CST?** Supporting Quality of Life for Dementia Patients CST sessions often include a range of activities, such as reminiscence exercises, word games, puzzles, and group discussions. These activities not only provide mental stimulation but also offer opportunities for social interaction and emotional connection.

**What is the CST approach?** Cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) is a non-pharmacological, evidence-based, approach to treat the complex behavioral and psychological symptoms (BPSD) seen in patients with dementia.

**What is an example of a cognitive training method?** Examples of cognitive training include exercises to improve visual and space attention, concentration, memory, coordination, relaxation techniques, self-esteem, problem-solving, and working under pressure.

**What are the criteria for cognitive stimulation therapy?** Eligibility for the CST was based on the criteria proposed by Spector et al.,<sup>5</sup> but restricted to individuals with: a diagnosis of VaD in the mild to moderate range, i.e. a score of at least 14 on the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE);<sup>22</sup> a satisfactory ability to understand and communicate; no learning disability and ...

**What are the strengths of cognitive stimulation therapy?** Although more difficult to measure, a number of other benefits have been seen as a result of attending CST sessions. These include improving memory, building self-esteem and increasing confidence to join in conversations and other activities.

**What is the evidence based program for dementia patients?** SHARE is an evidence-based care planning counseling intervention for persons living with early-stage dementia and their family caregivers. Participants work with a SHARE Counselor to identify care values and preferences for care, and engage sources of support, (i.e., family, friends, and service providers).

**What is cognitive group therapy for dementia patients?** During cognitive stimulation therapy, patients are exposed to a wide range of different brain-boosting activities. The aim is to slow down cognitive decline from dementia rather than

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targeting one specific cognitive function. CST is most effective in a group setting, but it can also be delivered to individual patients.

**What are cognitive exercises for dementia patients?** Play games that involve your mind. Examples of brain-challenging games can include chess, tabletop games, video games, word and number puzzles, jigsaws, crosswords, sudoku and memory games. For games on your computer, your tablet or your phone, find games where you can play and interact with other people.

**What is an example of cognitive stimulation therapy for dementia patients?** What is cognitive stimulation? Cognitive stimulation therapy involves a wide range of activities that aim to stimulate thinking and memory generally; activities may include discussion of past and present events and topics of interest, word games, puzzles, music and practical activities such as baking or gardening.

**How does CST help dementia?** The aim of CST is to create opportunities for group members to participate in activities designed to encourage thought processes, the use of memory and social interaction (NHS Institute for Health Research 2014).

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**What is the cognitive stimulation app for dementia patients?** MindMate. MindMate is an app developed by three young people who were involved in caring for seniors with dementia—one of them a beloved grandparent. This free app, available for Apple, Android, and computers, offers brain games and workouts to help with attention, memory, problem-solving, and cognitive speed.

**What kind of stimulation do dementia patients need?** Engaging in tactile activities for dementia patients can stimulate reminiscence. Even if they can't recall specific events, touching familiar objects, like keys or hand-embroidered beads, can trigger memories.

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**What is the cognitive tool for dementia patients?** Assess cognition: Use a validated cognitive assessment tool such as the 10-point cognitive screener (10-CS), the 6-item cognitive impairment test (6CIT), the 6-item screener, the Memory Impairment Screen (MIS), the Mini-Cog, or Test Your Memory (TYM).

**What is the best time to prune shrubs and trees?** Prune in Dormant Phases in winter or very early spring, when your trees are dormant and new buds haven't formed yet, get out your pruners. In winter, without leaves or blossoms in the way, you can get a better sense of the plant's shape.

**What is the proper technique for pruning shrubs?** When pruning mature, overgrown shrubs, remove the thickest branches first. Cut them back to the base of the shrub to promote new growth. Hand pruners are useful for smaller branches. Some can cut branches up to an inch in diameter, but long-handled loppers give you leverage to cut branches 1 to 2 inches in diameter.

**What are three general rules in pruning trees?** ALWAYS prune back to or just above a growing point (branch or bud) or to the soil line. NEVER leave a stem or branch stub. NEVER top a tree to "rejuvenate" growth.

**What is pruning in landscape?** Pruning, which has several definitions, essentially involves removing plant parts to improve the health, landscape effect, or value of the plant. Once the objectives are determined and a few basic principles understood, pruning primarily is a matter of common sense.

**What is the 1 3 rule for pruning shrubs?** 2. Follow the 1/3 rule. Many people are intimidated when they try to think about how much they can prune without damaging the shrub's health and vigor. When making pruning decisions, keep in mind that you can safely remove up to one-third of the plant's growth at any one time.

**What not to do when trimming bushes?**

**Is there a wrong time to trim trees?** There is never a bad time to remove dead, damaged or diseased branches. But most trees benefit from pruning in mid to late

winter. Pruning during dormancy encourages new growth as soon as the weather begins to warm. The lack of leaves after autumn allows you to easily identify branches and limbs requiring removal.

**What is the difference between pruning and trimming?** Pruning and trimming are similar but have distinct purposes. Pruning focuses on removing dead or unhealthy parts for plant health, while trimming shapes the plant for aesthetics or to manage size.

**What branches to cut when pruning?** Prune to shape young trees, but don't cut back the leader. Remove crossing branches and branches that grow back towards the center of the tree. As young trees grow, remove lower branches gradually to raise the crown, and remove branches that are too closely spaced on the trunk.

**What pruning technique should be avoided?** In reality, snipping the tips of branches (stubbing out) is one of the worst pruning mistakes you can make. Pruning stimulates the plant to grow, so when you snip the tip of one branch, four to six new branches take its place.

**How to trim a tree correctly?** Prune all branches above four feet growing toward the center of the tree. Always cut back to a larger branch of the trunk. Don't cut to see over branches, but to see through them. Cut off branches that cross each other, rub against the trunk or are dead.

**What is the rule of thumb for tree trimming?** As a rule of thumb, prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees immediately after the flowers fade. Prune summer-blooming trees and shrubs in winter or early spring, before new growth emerges. In regions that have harsh winters, late-summer pruning encourages new growth that might not harden before the cold settles in.

**Should you water before or after pruning?** Be sure to water the plant before and after pruning to improve its health. We all know how important watering is to the overall health of our plants. It is especially important when you are pruning your plant and removing any growth.

**Should you prune above or below a node?** The node is where leaves, buds and shoots emerge from the stem. You should always cut just above a node, as this

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prevents 'die back' and therefore disease. Also, by cutting above a node you can manipulate new stems, leaves or flowers to form in a desired direction, as nodes form on different sides of a stem.

**How to trim a tree that is too tall?** When pruning a tall tree to reduce its size, pruning cuts should be made just above lateral branches that are at least one-third the diameter of the branch being removed. Make the cuts at a 45-degree angle, sloping away from the center of the tree.

**What is the proper way to prune shrubs?**

**Can you trim a bush too much?** Over-pruning: Removing too much foliage can stress the plant and reduce its ability to photosynthesize. This can lead to weakened growth and, in severe cases, death. Improper timing: Trimming at the wrong time of year can disrupt the plant's growth cycle.

**What angle do you cut when pruning?** To ensure the trees are not harmed, the cuts should be made at an angle of around 45 degrees to the branch. Moreover, the cut should also slope downwards, away from a tree's trunk. This helps prevent any possible injury to the branch collar (the place where a branch grows out from the trunk of the tree).

**What part of a tree should not be cut?** The closer to the tree's trunk roots are cut, the more significant and harmful the damage will be. The 25% Rule – Never cut roots beyond 25 percent of a tree's total volume. The tree may die or fall as a result of this.

**Is there a wrong way to prune?** Prune thin branches Avoid cutting too close to the bud, as this can cause it to die, or too far from the bud, as this can result in dieback of the stub, which could spread into healthy wood.

**Which kind of pruning cut is not recommended for shrubs?** Natural Pruning—Understanding plant/tree form Natural pruning may not be appropriate for shrubs planted and maintained as topiaries, there may not be enough room to "let them loose". Shrubs generally have low branches that arise from multiple locations near the soil.

**Is it okay to prune trees in summer?** A summertime shape up is healthy for people and trees alike. Although the best time to prune any plant is typically in its dormant phase, trees will benefit from a nice mid-season trim as well. Summer trims can cut down on the amount of pruning you'd have to do later in the year.

**Is it okay to prune trees in May?** The best time to prune is between mid-February and early May. Trees pruned at this time in early spring develop a callous around the cut much more rapidly than those pruned at other times. However, there are a few exceptions to this rule.

**When not to prune a tree?** When Should You Not Cut Tree Branches? As a general rule for deciduous trees, you should not cut tree branches from spring to early fall. Cutting tree branches in summer and early fall (during the growing season) can be particularly damaging because it stimulates new growth in the tree.

**Is it better to trim bushes in the fall or spring?** After "how?", the second most-asked question we get about pruning is "when?" (Or, "Can I prune this now?") The rule of thumb is to prune immediately after bloom for flowering shrubs, in late winter or early spring for non-blooming shrubs (particularly for heavy pruning), and not after mid-August for any shrubs.

**What month is best for pruning?** The best time to prune is between mid-February and early May.

**Is it okay to trim bushes in summer?** Shrubs can be trimmed in summer, but avoid trimming spring flowering shrubs which have already grown shoots for the next spring because this will reduce flowering the following year. Instead, trim them immediately after they have finished flowering but before new shoots have begun to grow.

**When should I trim my hedge and shrubs?** Late spring, early fall, or winter (when the hedges are fully dormant) are the best times for pruning hedges. Don't prune hedges during very hot, dry weather, and prune well before your first frost date. Best time to trim hedges would be on a cloudy day to avoid excessive leaf burn.

**Is there a wrong time to trim trees?** There is never a bad time to remove dead, damaged or diseased branches. But most trees benefit from pruning in mid to late winter. Pruning during dormancy encourages new growth as soon as the weather

begins to warm. The lack of leaves after autumn allows you to easily identify branches and limbs requiring removal.

**What is the best method to trim bushes?** Prune just above a healthy bud, with the bud pointing in the direction you want the plant to grow. Cut at a 45-degree angle, with the low point of the cut opposite the bud. Don't cut too far from or too close to the bud you want to encourage. Leave a “collar” when cutting off a branch.

**Can you cut shrubs all the way back?** Rejuvenation pruning, also called renewal pruning, involves cutting some types of shrubs almost down to the ground, leaving only 6 to 24 inches. Done every three to five years, this extreme method of pruning can indeed rejuvenate an overgrown or misshapen shrub, just as the name implies.

**Is May too late to prune?** Dead wood can be removed anytime from any plant, but shrubs that bloom before the end of June should only get touch up pruning in May. More can be cut after the flowers finish if needed.

**When should you not prune plants?** Hold back on any major pruning during the fall and winter — your plants won't be growing as quickly, and it could take a longer time for them to put out new growth or recover from being trimmed too much. However, there are tasks that can easily be accomplished during any time of the year.

**Is it okay to cut lower branches off trees?** Pruning lower branches from trees is not harmful and benefits the tree's overall health when done properly. However, improper pruning techniques can damage a tree and lead to decay, stress, diseases, and reduced growth. It's important to use the correct methods or hire a professional.

**Is it okay to prune trees in June?** A summertime shape up is healthy for people and trees alike. Although the best time to prune any plant is typically in its dormant phase, trees will benefit from a nice mid-season trim as well. Summer trims can cut down on the amount of pruning you'd have to do later in the year.

**What month should you trim bushes?** Winter is usually the best time. Dormant pruning is usually done in late winter, six to 10 weeks before the average last frost in your area. You can prune shrubs at any time of year if it's necessary—for example, to remove broken branches or dead or diseased wood, or to remove growth that is

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obstructing a walkway.

**Can you trim hedges in June?** With newly-planted evergreen hedges, only lightly trim the most spreading side branches of individual plants in the first two or three years. This is best done in June and will encourage denser, bushier growth that knits together forming the hedge. At the same time add feed and mulch.

**What months are you not allowed to cut hedges?** You should only cut hedges outside of bird-nesting months. Nesting months are typically between March and August every year, but they may vary depending on weather conditions. It is a legal offence to harm nesting birds, or their eggs, under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981.

**What is the difference between pruning and trimming?** Pruning and trimming are similar but have distinct purposes. Pruning focuses on removing dead or unhealthy parts for plant health, while trimming shapes the plant for aesthetics or to manage size.

**When to cut back overgrown shrubs?** Begin by removing one-third of the large, old stems at ground level in late winter/early spring (March or early April). The following year (again in March or early April), prune out one-half of the remaining old stems. Also, thin out some of the new growth.

## **Standards Procedures for Surveying and Mapping**

**What are the primary standards and procedures for surveying and mapping?**

Surveying and mapping adhere to a set of well-defined standards and procedures to ensure accuracy, consistency, and reliability. These standards include the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) for horizontal control, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) for vertical control, and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata for data documentation.

**How are surveys conducted to meet these standards?**

Surveys are conducted using calibrated instruments and techniques, such as total stations, GPS receivers, and level instruments. Data is collected according to

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rigorous protocols to minimize errors and ensure accuracy. The collected data is then processed and adjusted using mathematical models to create a comprehensive representation of the surveyed area.

### **What is the importance of metadata in surveying and mapping?**

Metadata is essential for understanding the quality, limitations, and context of surveying and mapping data. It includes information such as the purpose of the survey, the equipment used, the accuracy achieved, and the date of data collection. Metadata allows users to assess the suitability and reliability of the data for their specific needs.

### **How are maps created and maintained using these standards?**

Maps are created by combining surveyed data with other relevant information, such as aerial imagery or geographic features. Maps are designed to be accurate, informative, and easy to use. They are frequently updated to reflect changes in the landscape or to incorporate new data.

### **What are the benefits of adhering to standards and procedures in surveying and mapping?**

Adherence to standards and procedures provides several benefits, including:

- **Accuracy and reliability:** Data collected and maps created meet established accuracy specifications and are reliable for various applications.
- **Consistency:** Surveys and maps follow consistent methodologies, ensuring comparability and integration across different projects.
- **Interoperability:** Data and maps conform to industry standards, enabling seamless exchange and integration with other geospatial technologies.

**What are the topics for agricultural science grade 12?** Agricultural Sciences seeks to develop your scientific knowledge and approach to relevant agricultural concepts. In Grade 12 the main content topics are Animal Studies, Agricultural Management and Basic Agricultural Genetics.

**What are the four main sciences in agricultural science?** Simply put, agriculture is science in action. The science of agriculture comprises four major areas of study:

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life sciences, physical sciences, biotechnology, and consumer science.

**What are the three basic sciences used in agriculture?** Agricultural science (or agriscience for short) is a broad multidisciplinary field of biology that encompasses the parts of exact, natural, economic and social sciences that are used in the practice and understanding of agriculture.

**What is included in agricultural science?** Agricultural Science is a broad program that exposes students to agriculture in terms of the sciences as well as the economic and social science disciplines that are integral to the industry. Some aspects that students are exposed to include agricultural production, soil and water conservation, research, and business.

**What are the major agricultural products in Region 12?**

**What are the three core areas that compose agriculture science education?**

The NAAE notes that agricultural education is derived from three interconnected components: classroom instruction; experiential learning; and leadership education. Agriculture education grants play a central role in helping schools, government agencies, and non-profit organizations provide these components.

**What topic is agriculture chemistry?** Agricultural Chemistry is a branch of chemistry that explains the chemical and biochemical ongoing processes in soil and plant. It also covers the areas regarding mineral nutrients, applications of fertilizers, and soil fertility related to product yield enhancement.

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