

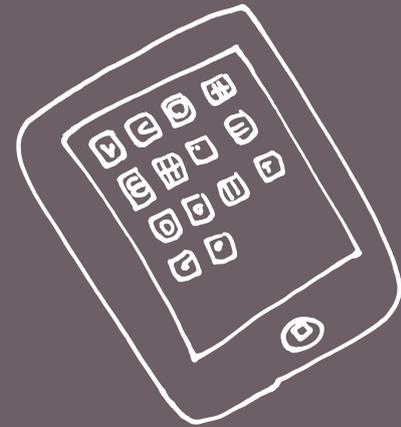
My mother's memory span isn't that long – but for half an hour or an hour you can do that with her. Then she'll forget, but you can give her the iPad again later for another look.

If my mother starts getting a bit difficult I go to the chatrooms and see what other people in the same situations are doing – I've found that very helpful. I can relate to others rather than just reading books and more books.

**The iPad's been good for both of us in different ways – it's been very informative for me and enjoyable for her. She's getting something out of it and I am too. It changes our life.**

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iPad



My mother lives with me. She has dementia and her memory span is not very good. It was ok for the first couple of years but for the last two it's not been great. She's very unsteady too. It's awkward for her getting up and she can fall very easily.

Most people use the grant for travelling somewhere, but I'd already had a chance to get away, and it was a different idea that came to me. Whenever I was upstairs on the computer my mother didn't like it. She would shout at me after five minutes thinking that I'd been away for hours. I realised that there was something which could make a difference and I put the money towards an ipad.

It's much less hassle than the way it was before because I can take it around the house. I'm treasurer of a couple of things and it meant that I could do jobs like that much more easily with less interruption.

Then I got the idea that I could put old photographs on the iPad for my mother. I can take new photos of family snaps and the ipad makes them better and clearer. They are much more lifelike and my mother enjoys looking at them. Then I found that there were other things she could enjoy too. She likes to listen to sermons, and you can get all sorts of different ones – not just your own church, but sermons from all around the world. You can skype too – there are people we know who we can do that with and even Google Earth has been good. We can search for people's addresses and see their house!