Training Effects in Older Adults

Appendix A. Executive Function Training Tasks (i.e., Lumosity games)

Game (Session#)	Ability Domain	Task Description
Brain Shift	Task	Participants need to switch between two task rules depending on the location (top or bottom)
(1-40)	Switching	of the letter-number pair, unpredictably, and determine (1) whether the number on the top card is even (e.g. 'M6', correct response: 'YES'), or (2) whether the letter on the bottom card is a vowel (e.g., 'K7', correct response: 'NO'). The task is adaptive, with rules present initially but absent later.
Colour Match	Response	Participants view two color words side by side and determine whether the <i>meaning</i> of the word
(1-40)	Inhibition	on the left matches the <i>ink colour</i> of the word on the right (e.g., for the word "RED" on the left and the word "BLUE" printed in red ink on the right, the correct response would be "match")
Face Memory	Working	A modified <i>n</i> -back task in which participants view sequentially presented male and female
Workout	Memory	faces and determine whether the current face matches the one presented at the 1-back, 2-back,
(1-40)		or 3-back position. The task is adaptive by progressively eliminating the previous faces from the viewing window and/or increasing the memory span (1-back gradually to 3-back).
Lost in Migration	Selective	Participants view a flock of birds appearing on the screen, with the central bird facing in the
(1-40)	Attention	same or opposite direction from the surrounding birds. They need to determine the direction of the central bird regardless of the direction of the surrounding birds.
Memory Matrix	Working	Participants view a square grid, starting with 9 squares and 3 of which briefly turn dark
(1-40)	Memory	maroon all at once, and need to click the squares to recreate the pattern. The task is adaptive by gradually increasing the size of the grid and/or the number of dark maroon tiles to be monitored.
Disillusion	Task	Participants quickly match a puzzle piece to a pattern with a missing piece by unpredictably
(10-40)	Switching	switching between two rules, 1) matching a vertical piece to the pattern based on COLOUR (e.g., <i>red</i> circle to <i>red</i> square); or 2) matching a horizontal piece to the pattern based on SHAPE (e.g., blue <i>triangle</i> to green <i>triangle</i>).
Follow the Frog	Working	Participants follow and recreate the path of an orange frog as it jumps from one to another lily
(15-40)	Memory	pad by clicking on the lily pads in the same order, as the frog continuously jumps.
Route to Sprout	Planning,	Participants need to find and click the optimal route (with the least number of moves) to guide
(20-40)	Problem	a seed to its planting hole, while moving aside the blocking obstacles (i.e., ladybugs). A timer
	Solving	starts after the first move.
Observation	Attention	Participants view digits briefly appearing in circles on the screen, remember and reproduce the
Tower (25-40)		locations of the digits, from smallest to largest, to construct the tallest tower.
Pinball Recall	Working	Participants need to memorize the locations of several bumpers before they disappear, then
(30-40)	Memory	visualize how the pinball will bounce off them, and determine where it will go.