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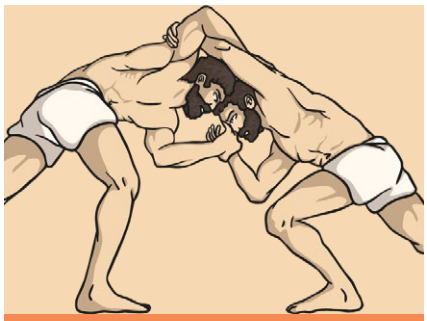

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Challenge

Can you use one of the words you have found in a sentence with a parenthesis in brackets?

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Silent 'w'

There are many examples of silent 'w' within words including:

wrestle
wrapper
sword
answer
writer
wrench
wrinkle
wrong

Silent 't'

There are many examples of silent 't' within words including:

mortgage
castle
fasten
hasten
glisten
moisten
thistle
whistle

Silent 's'

There are few examples of silent 's' words and pupils may only include their examples from the spelling list:

island
aisle
debris

Silent 'u'

There are many examples of silent 'u' within words including:

guilty
guarantee
baguette
biscuit
guitar
guess
build
circuit

Challenge

Can you use one of the words you have found in a sentence with a parenthesis in brackets?

Accept any silent letter word in a sentence with a parenthesis in brackets, e.g. My family's Halloween celebrations are always phenomenal (my second favourite time of year) but nothing can beat the excitement of Christmas.

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Silent 'w', 's', 't' and 'u'

Can you spot the silent letter in these words?

We are going to learn to spell words that contain silent letters. Silent letters are letters that you can't hear when you say the word, but that are there when you spell the word.

wrist

i**s**land

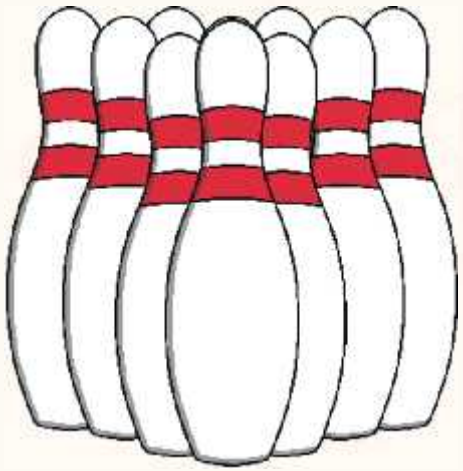
cas**t**le

g**u**itar

We are going to concentrate on words that contain a silent 'w', 's', 't' or 'u'.

We are going to play 'Ten Strikes and You're Out!' – can you and your partner guess the letters within each silent letter word before it's too late?

Every time you guess a letter incorrectly, click the 'Uh-Oh' button to make a pin disappear. Can you guess all of the letters before you strike out?



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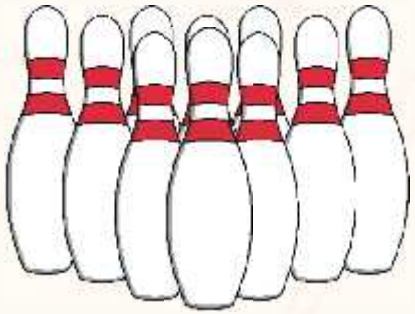
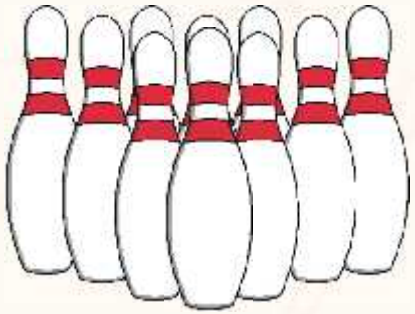
During the first _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , three wise men visited a special baby in a stable.



C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ s

Uh-Oh!

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	



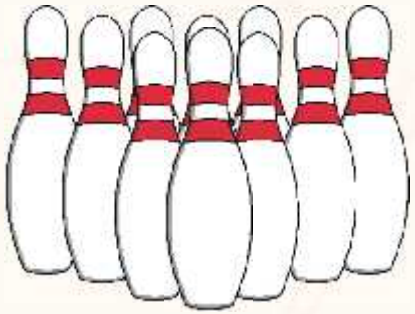
Uh-Oh!

After the horrific landslide, the roads leading to the village were now impassable due to the _ _ _ _ _ _ that now covered them.

_ _ _ _ _ _

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

On hearing all the evidence, the resolute jury members were able to deliver a _ _ _ _ _ _ verdict in the court case.



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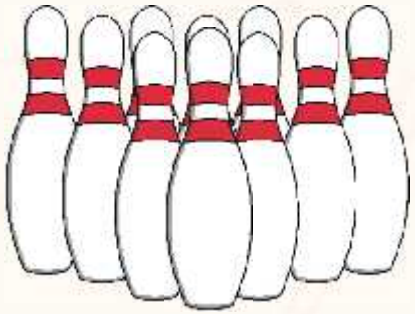
After spending two weeks on a strict diet, the gluttonous man couldn't get his chocolate bar _ _ _ _ _ _ _ off quick enough!



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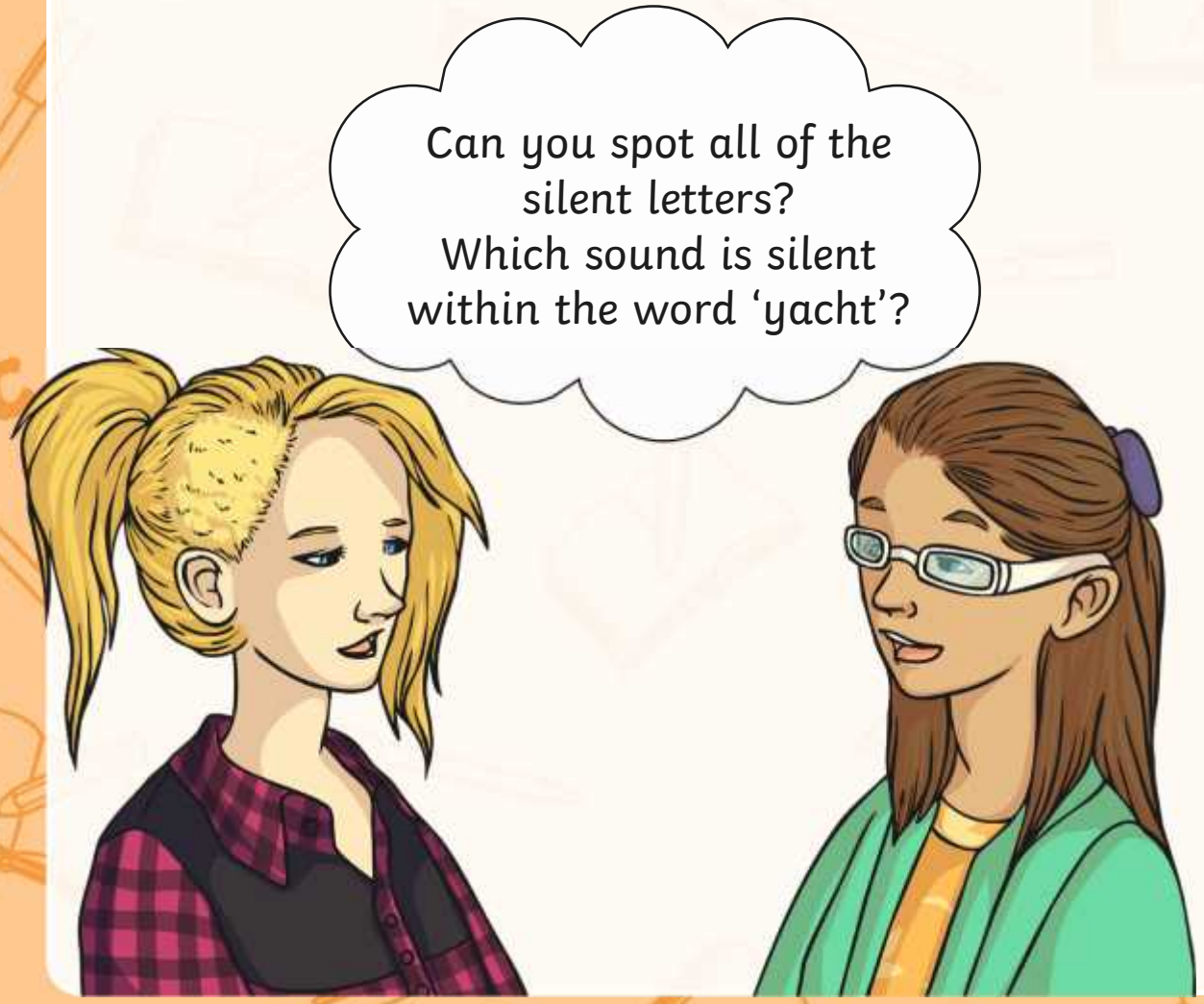
Here are your new spelling words.



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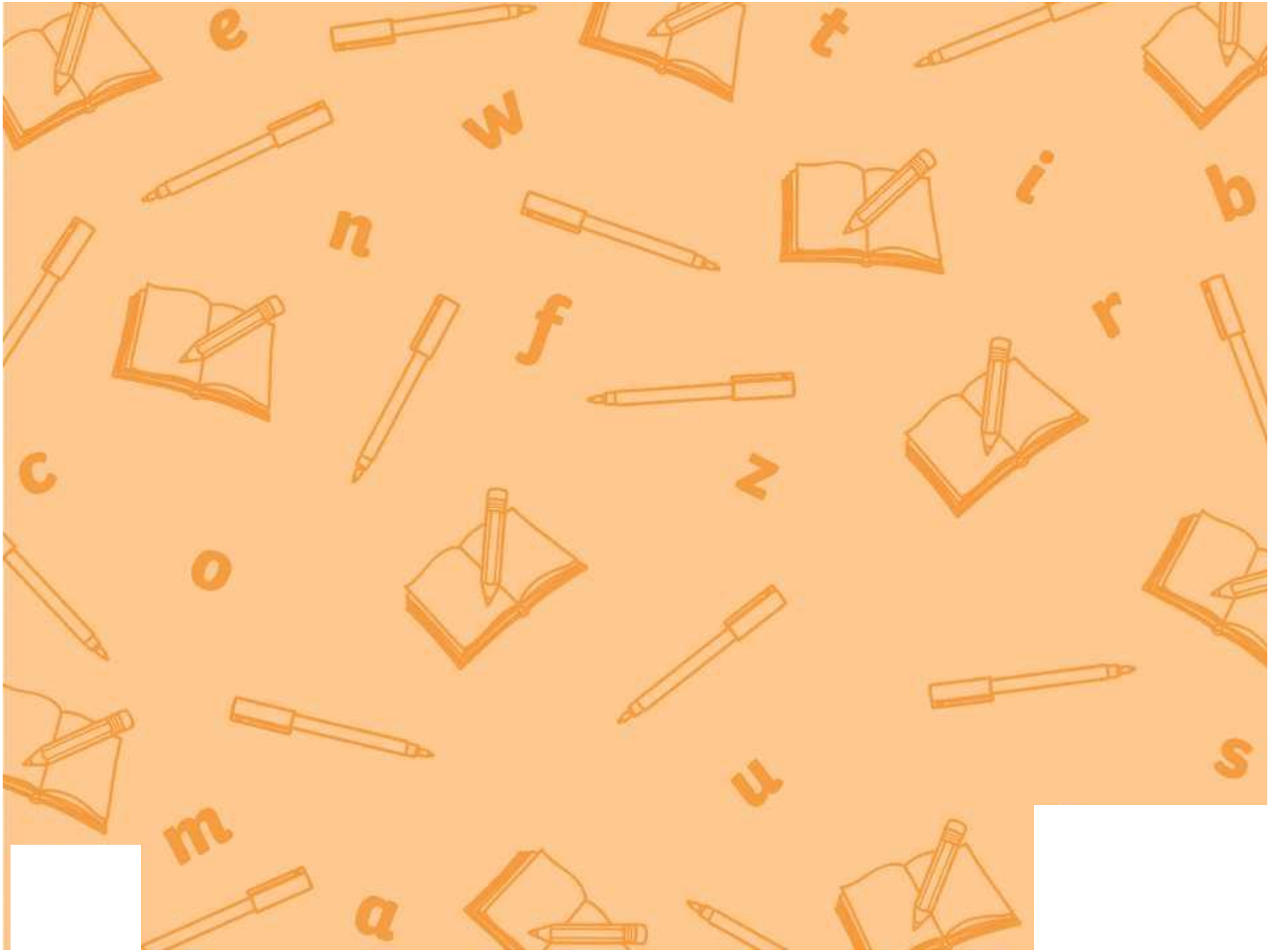

Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check

Tick the columns as you follow the instructions from left to right. Make sure you spell the words in the 'Write' column. If you spell the word incorrectly, write it again in the 'Correction' column.

	Look	Say	Cover	Write	Check	Correction
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w r e i t h y d w t s y
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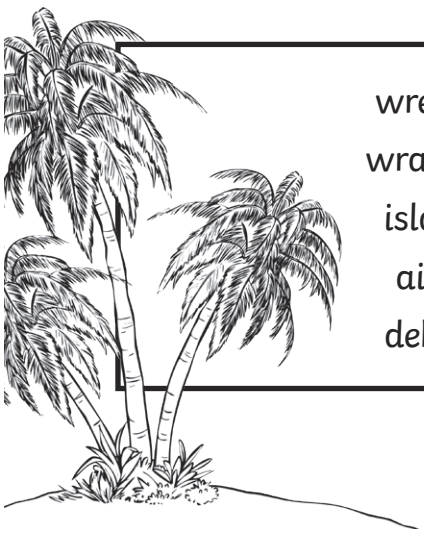

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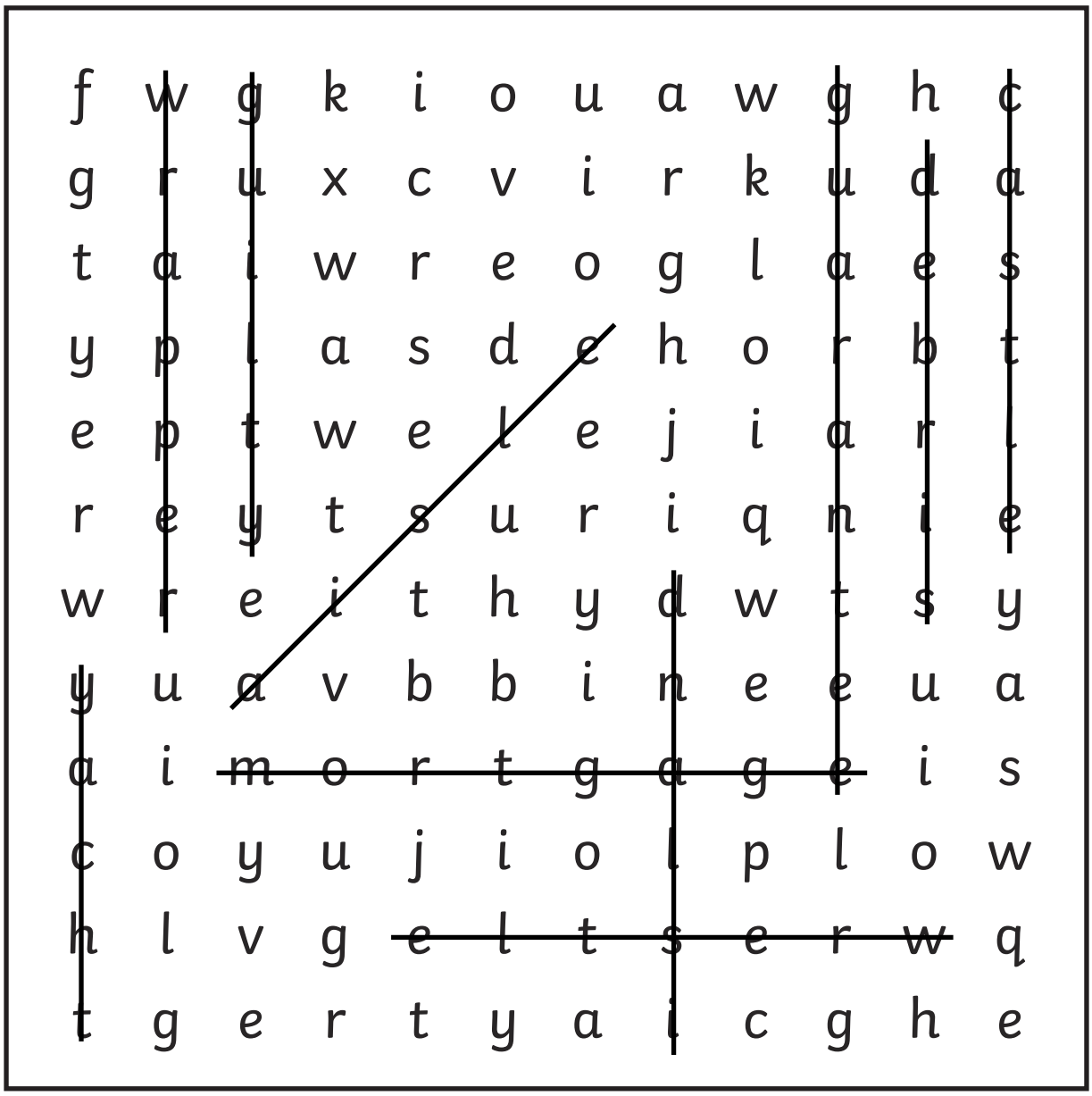

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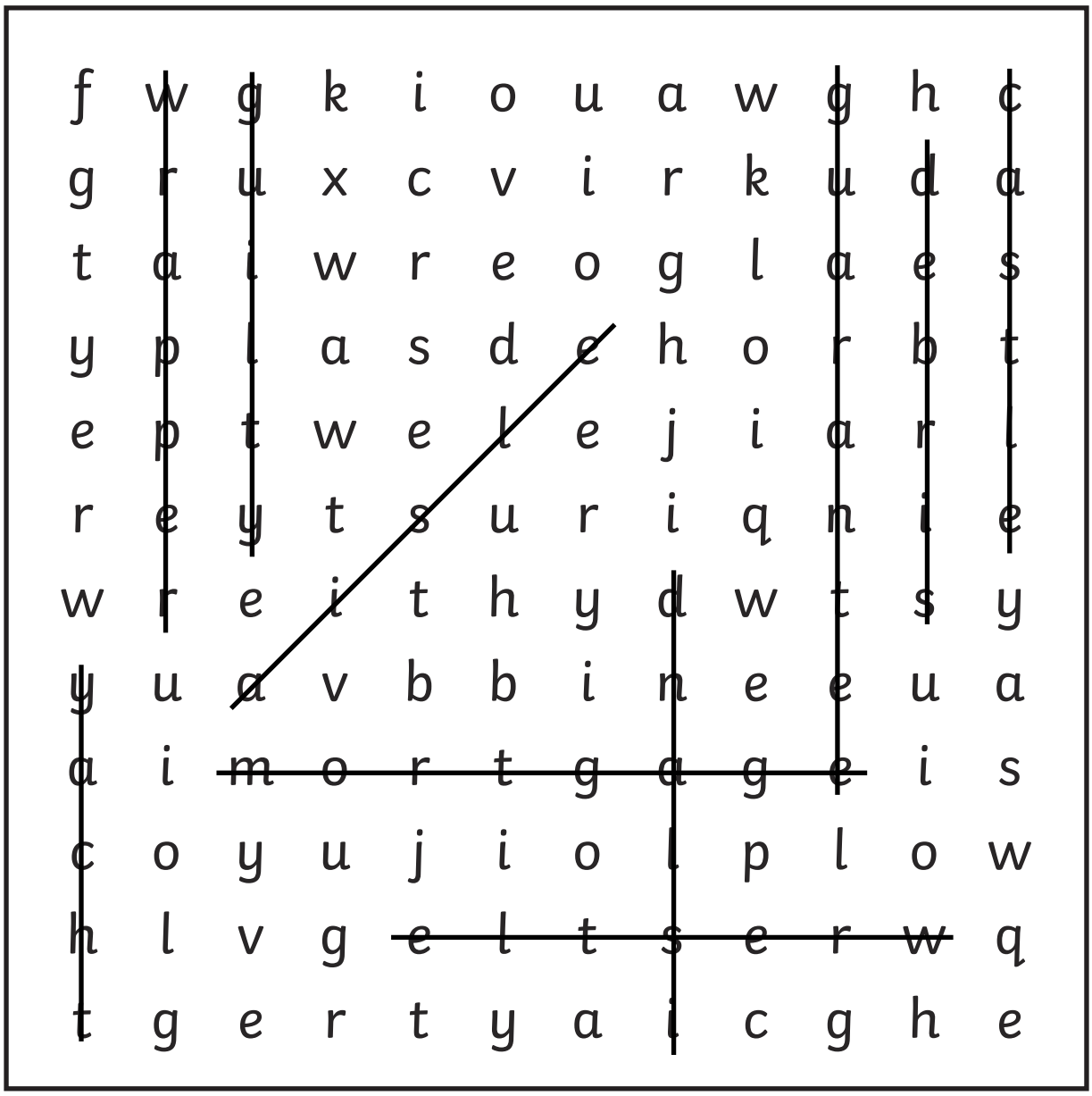

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