

Modal Verbs



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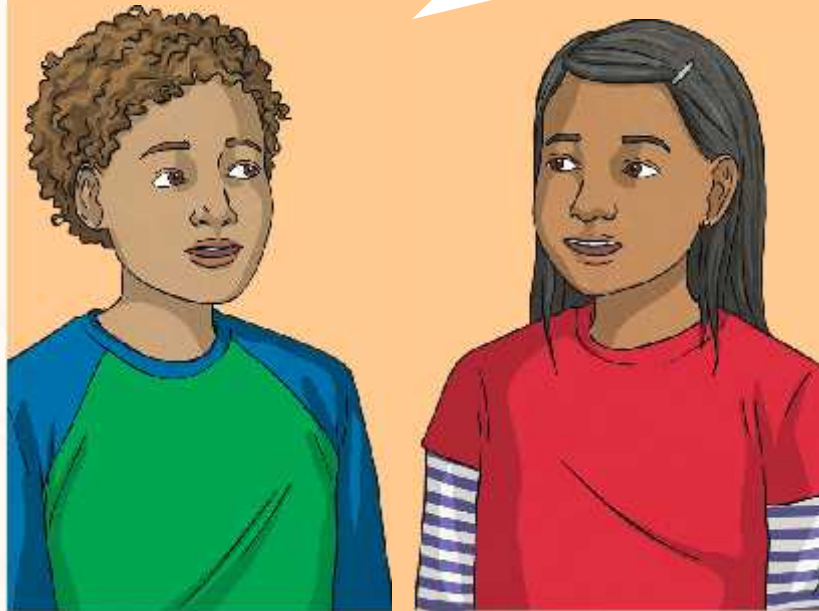
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We are going to learn how to spell and use modal verbs.

Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs which do not usually work alone. They are used in sentences with another main verb.



These are your modal verbs spelling words:

might	will
should	may
would	can
could	must
shall	ought

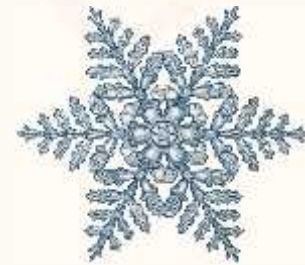
Modal verbs can be used to show how possible something is, or how likely it is to happen/have happened.

For example:

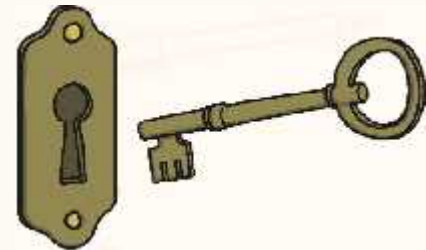
He's very late. He **could have missed** the train.



It's snowing so it **must be** very cold outside.



They **will lock** the windows when they go out.



Can you spot the modal verbs used to show possibility in these sentences?

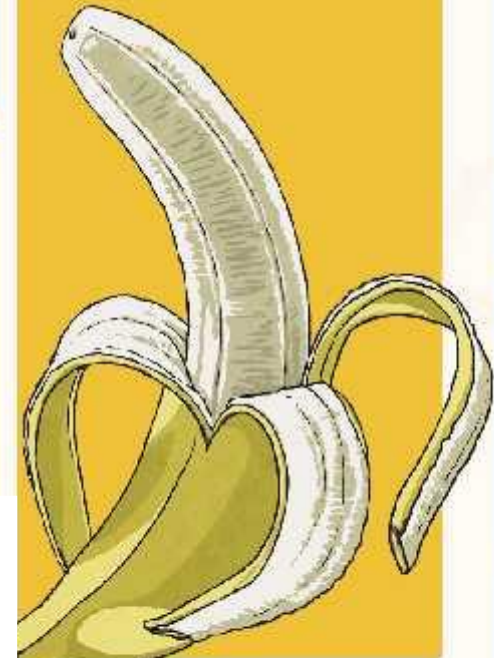
Mum **might** take us swimming after school.



“Hurry up!
We **will** be late!”
said Dad



You **could** eat a banana instead of those lollies.



You **ought** to go to bed earlier.



We **can** go the other way – it’s quicker.



Which modal verbs are missing from these sentences?



You **must** be hot in that thick coat.



If it's dry, **shall** we play outside?

He's so fast, he **should** win the race.



I'm fed up with my long hair. I **might** have it cut.

Did you choose these **modal verbs**? Which others could you have used?

Modal verbs can also be used to show:

advice or obligation

Pupils **must** wear a uniform.

You **should** not smoke.



habits

I **will** often have cereal for my breakfast.

We **shall** always enjoy a walk in the park.



permission

May I leave a few minutes early?

Could we go to the post box on the way?

You **can** have an ice-cream if you eat all your dinner.



ability

I **can** drive a tractor.

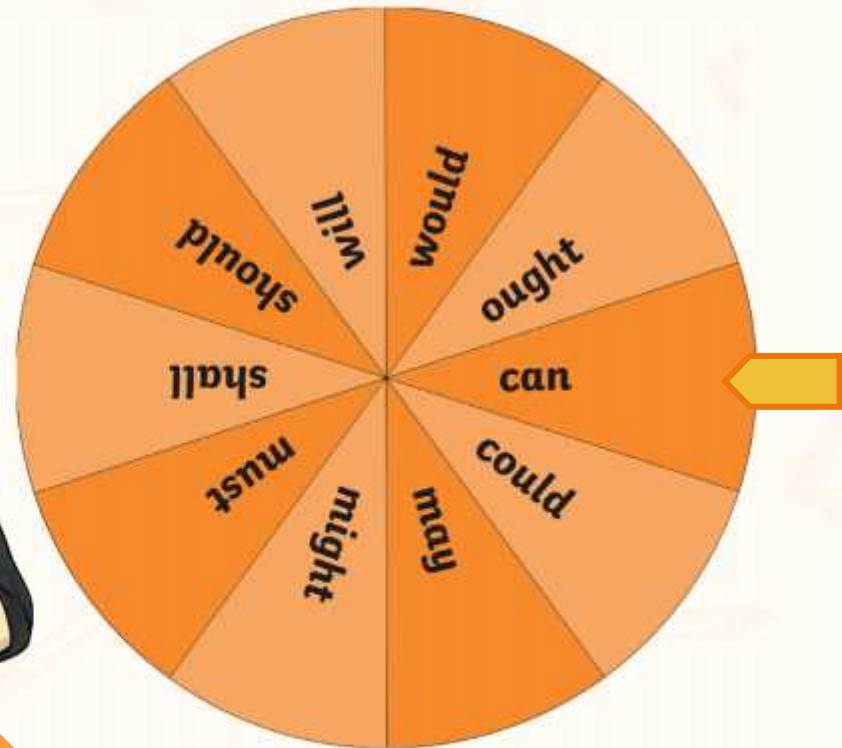
My grandfather **could** draw very well.



Working in pairs, can you create some modal verb sentences on your whiteboards? Spin the spinner to find out the modal verb that you must use in a sentence about my chosen topic of ...



winning the lottery.



Spin

Here are your new spelling words.

You should practise not only the spelling of these modal verbs but also how to use them within sentences.



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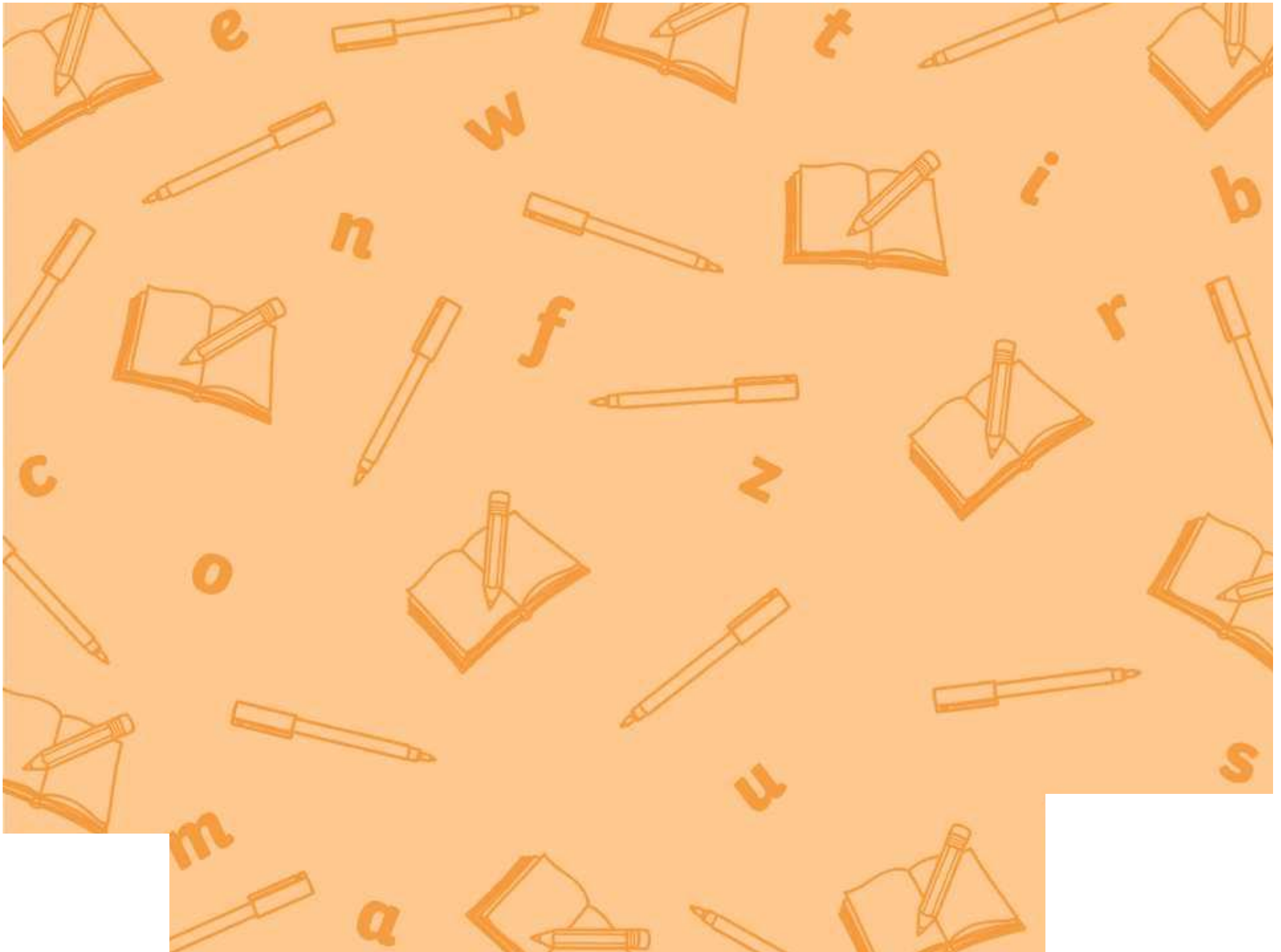
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Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check

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.




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My Future Life with Modal Verbs

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Modal verbs allow you to say what will and won't be and state the degree of possibility of other events occurring. Considering what lies ahead of you in your life is a good opportunity to use a variety of modal verbs.

Think about how certain areas of your life might develop. Think about twenty years from now when you are living as an adult. In the table below make some notes on these three areas.

House Where will you live? What will it be like? 	
Job What will you do? Why do you think that? 	
Happiness Will you be happy? Why/why not? 	

Now, write a paragraph about your future life and try to include all the modal verbs from the word bank. Highlight the spelling words in your paragraph – make sure you use all ten!

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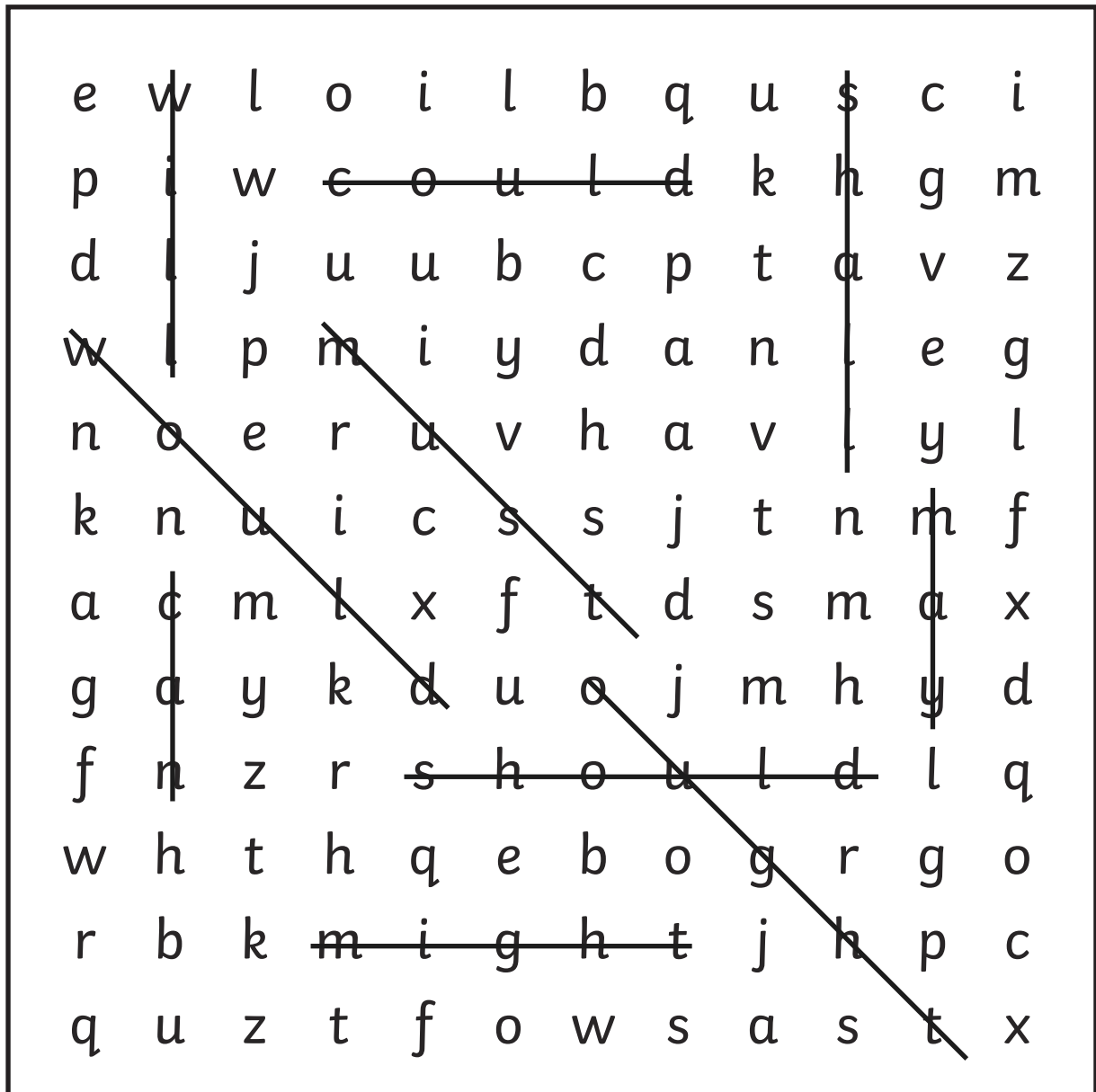
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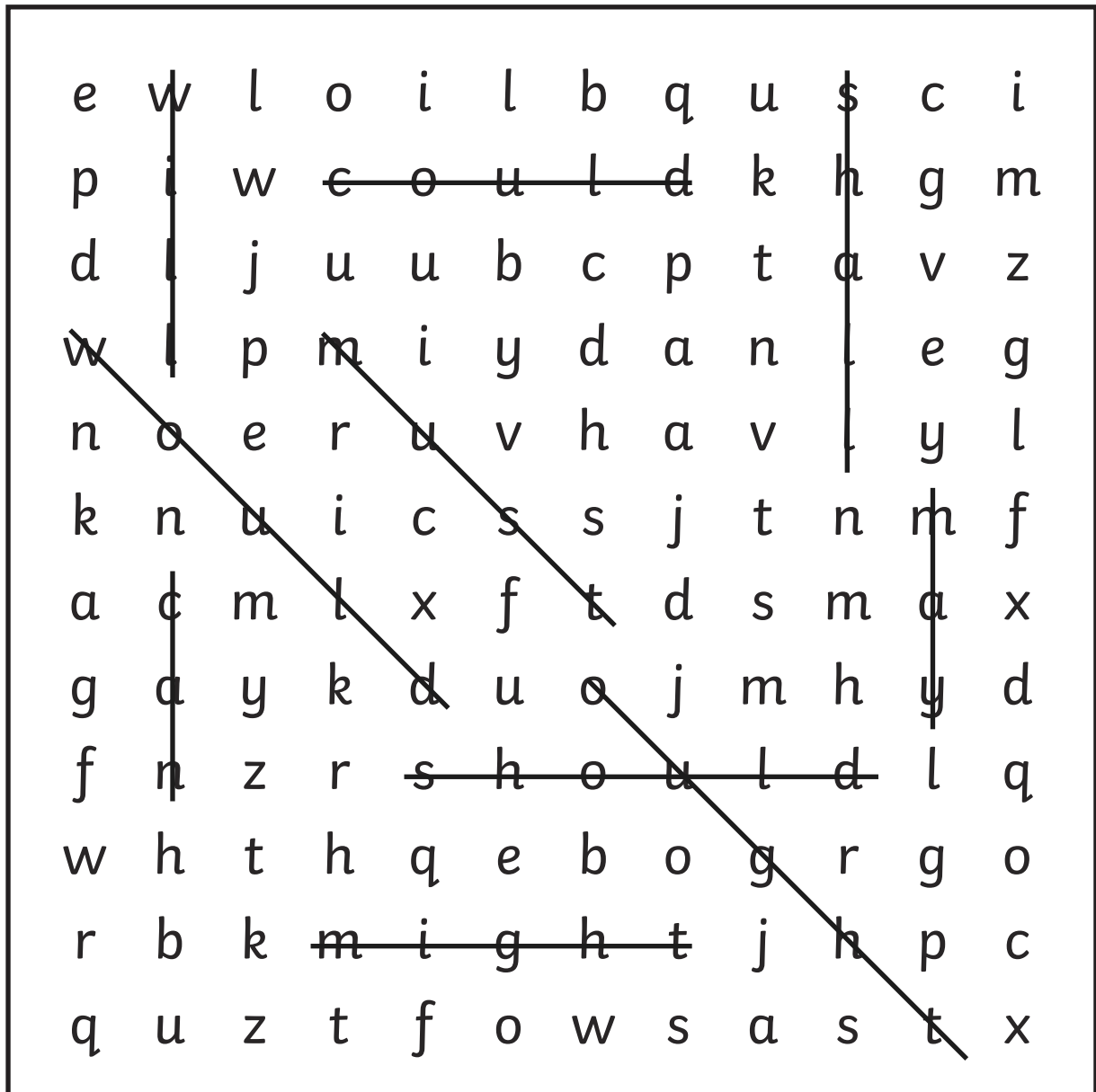
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