

# ENGLISH PLUS

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ANSWER  
KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



### DO YOU KNOW

### GIRAFFES

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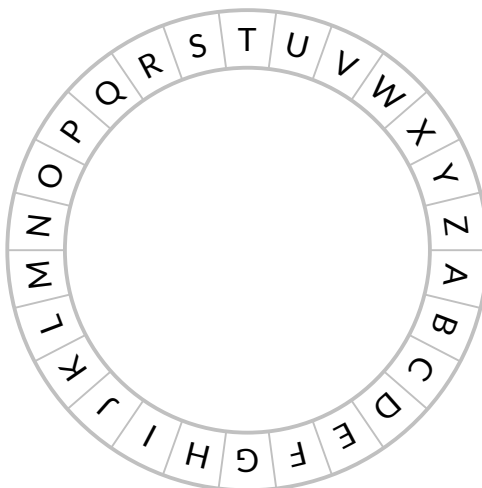
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| F. colored  | G. tallest  | H. enemies  | I. tongues  | J. newborn   |
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| 31. SEVRESER _____   | 41. SPOTFOOR _____ |

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A	V	B	N	T	E	G	Z	O	R	G	F	A	W	A	T	R	O	N	W
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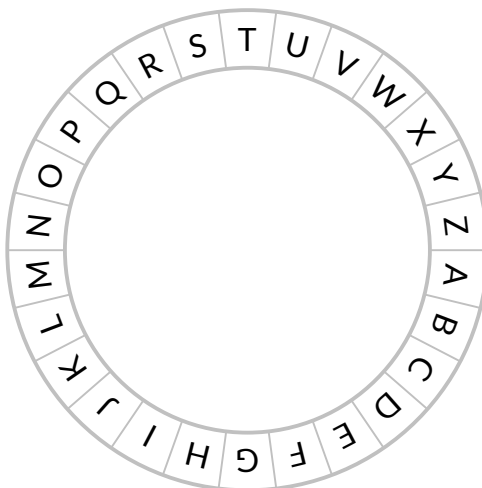
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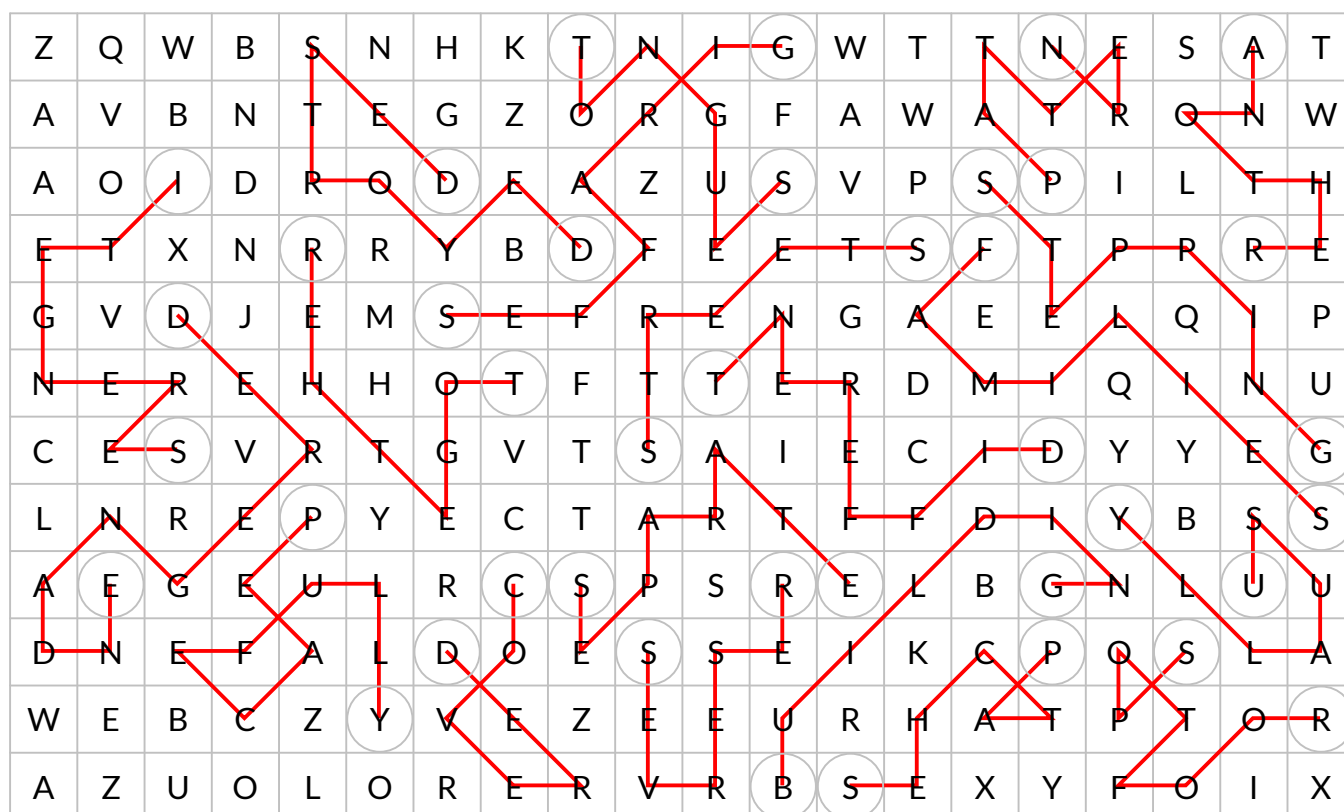
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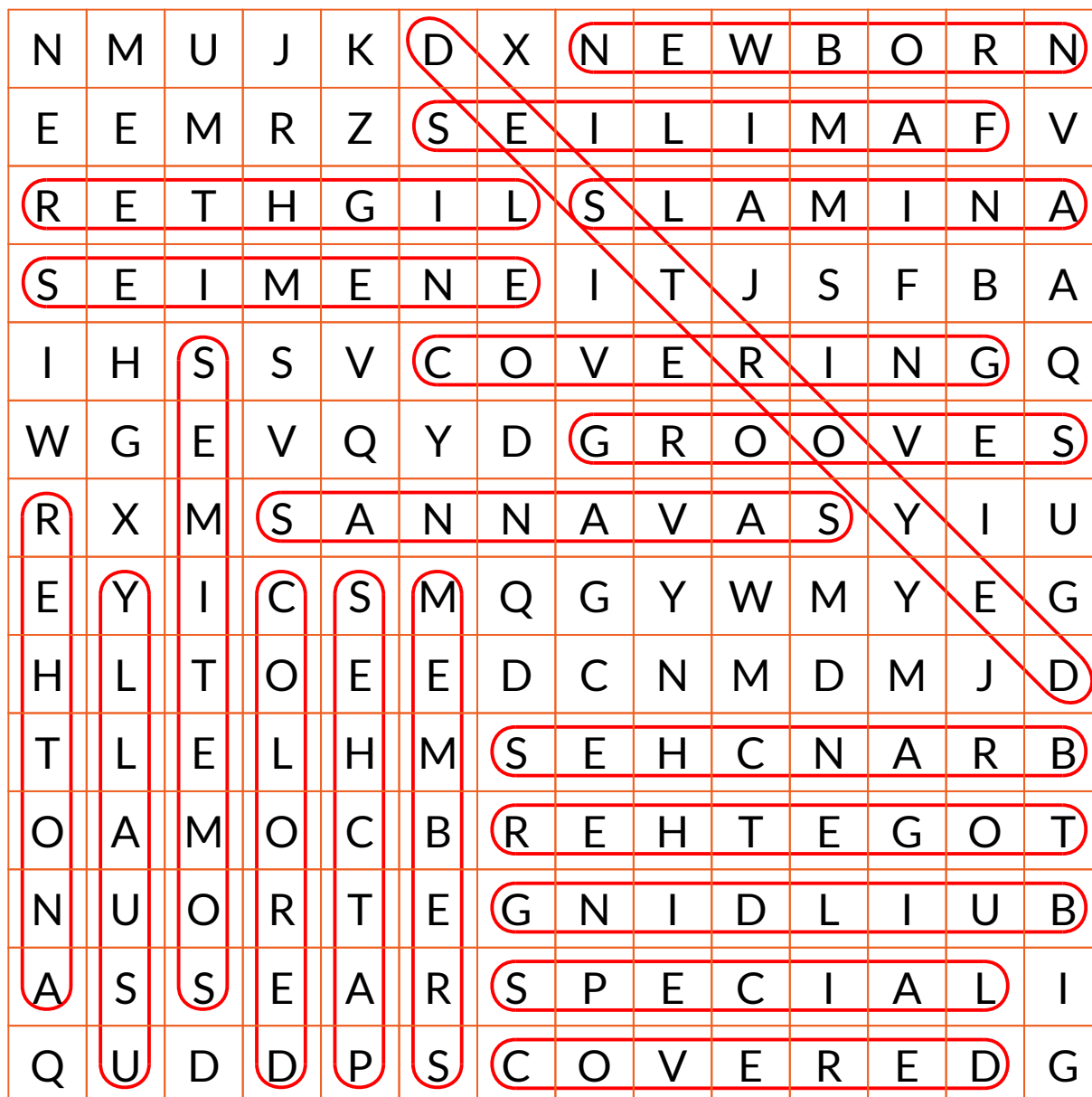
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