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National Curriculum Objectives:

KS2 History: A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300. More resources with this objective.

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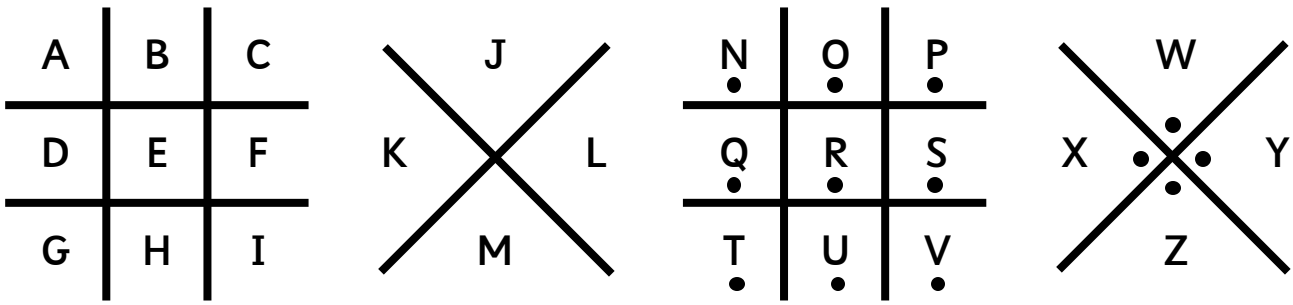
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Easy Secret message to encode. Decode CVC words. Aimed at Year 3 Secure/Year 4 Emerging.
Tricky Secret message to encode. Decode secret message. Aimed at Year 3 Mastery/Year 4 Developing.
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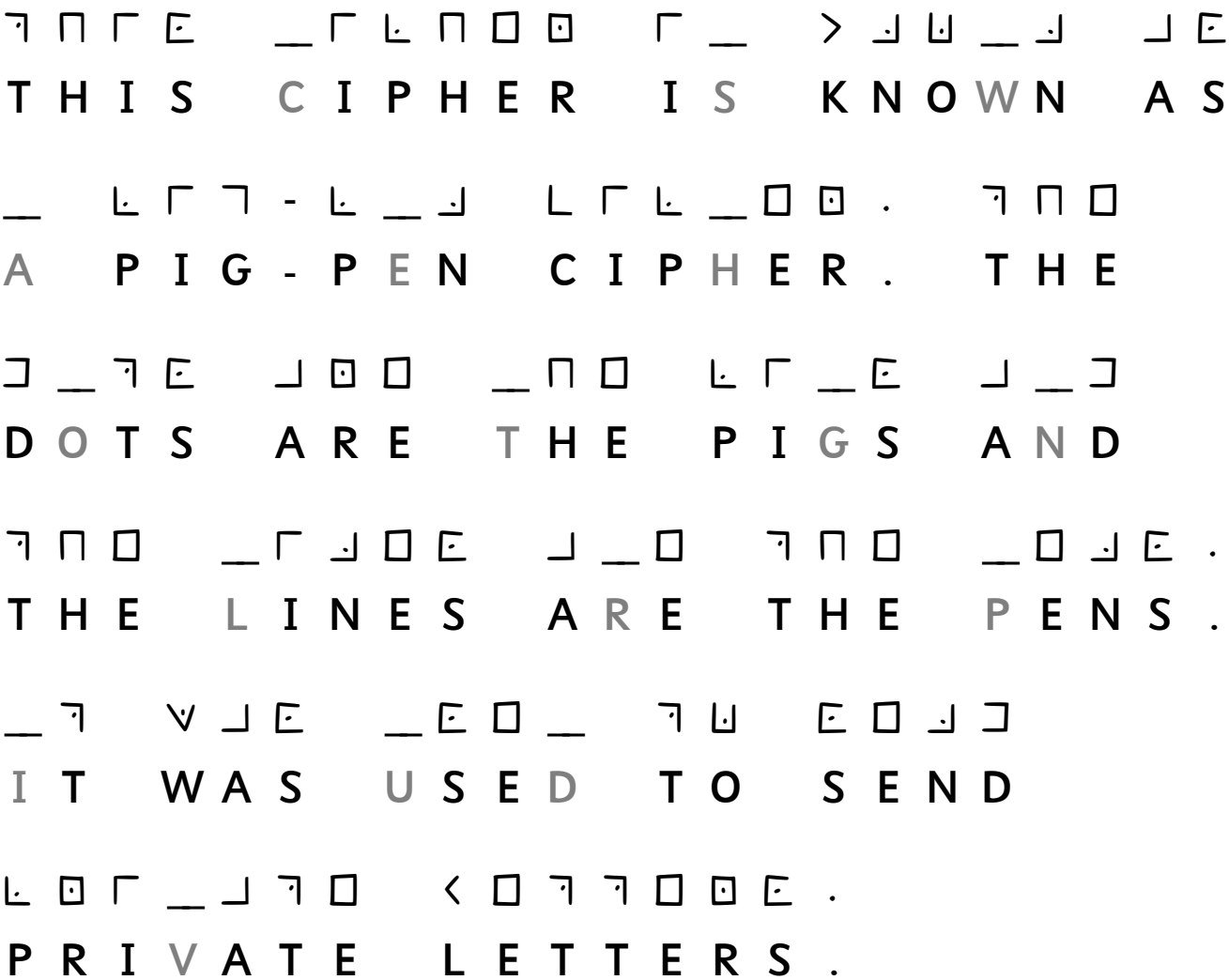
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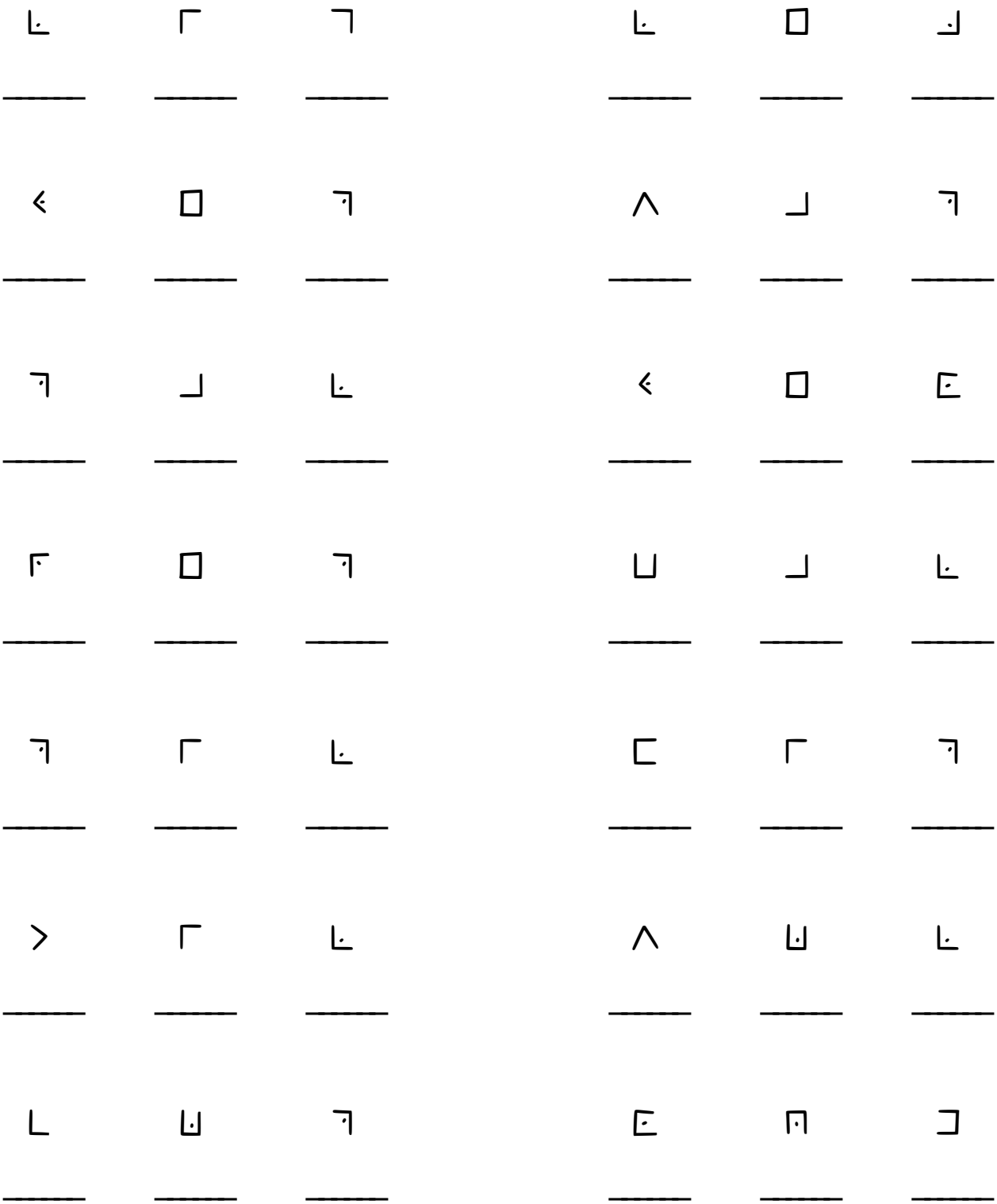
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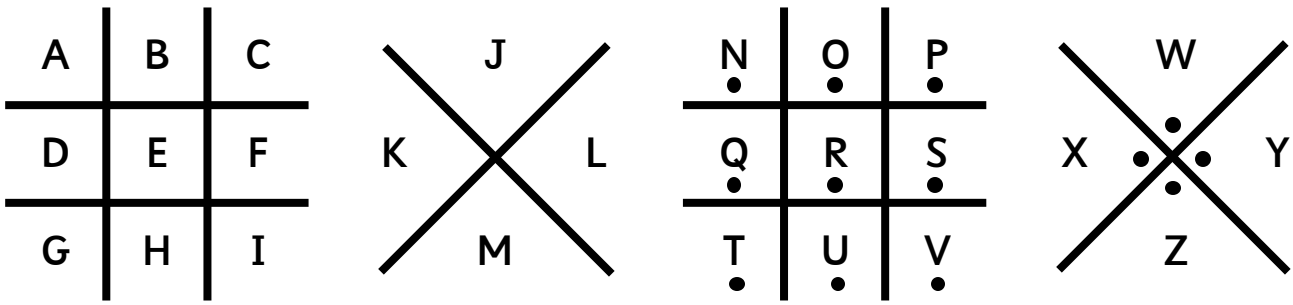


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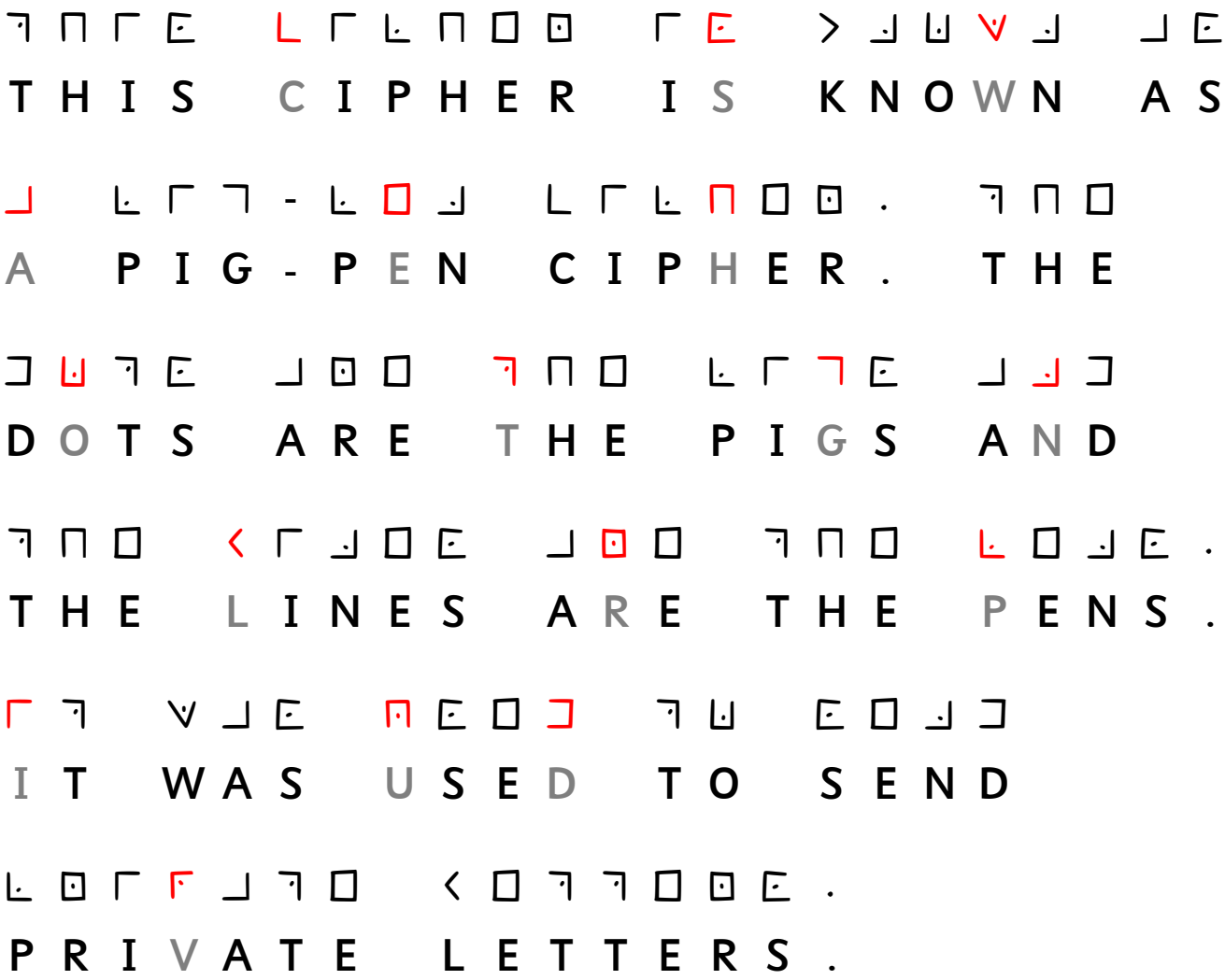
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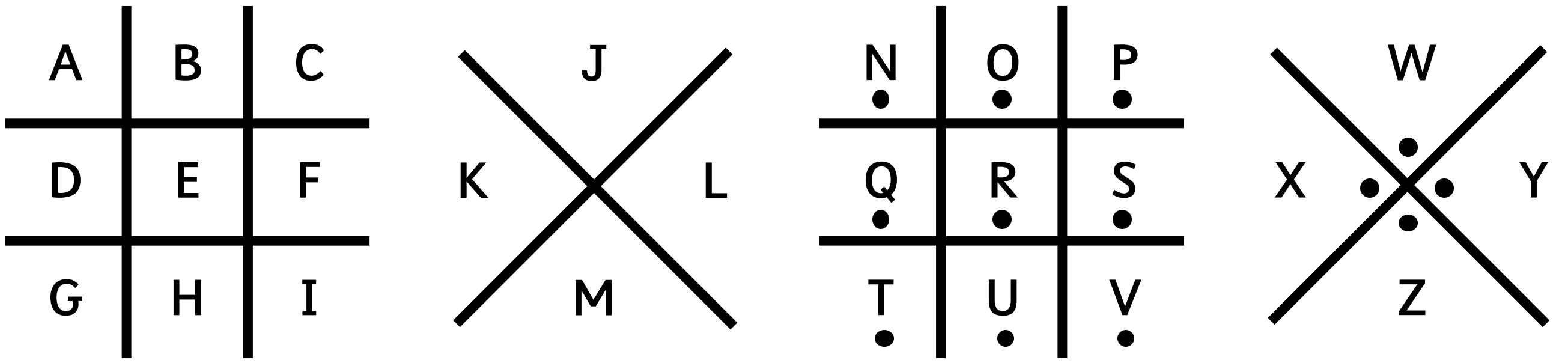
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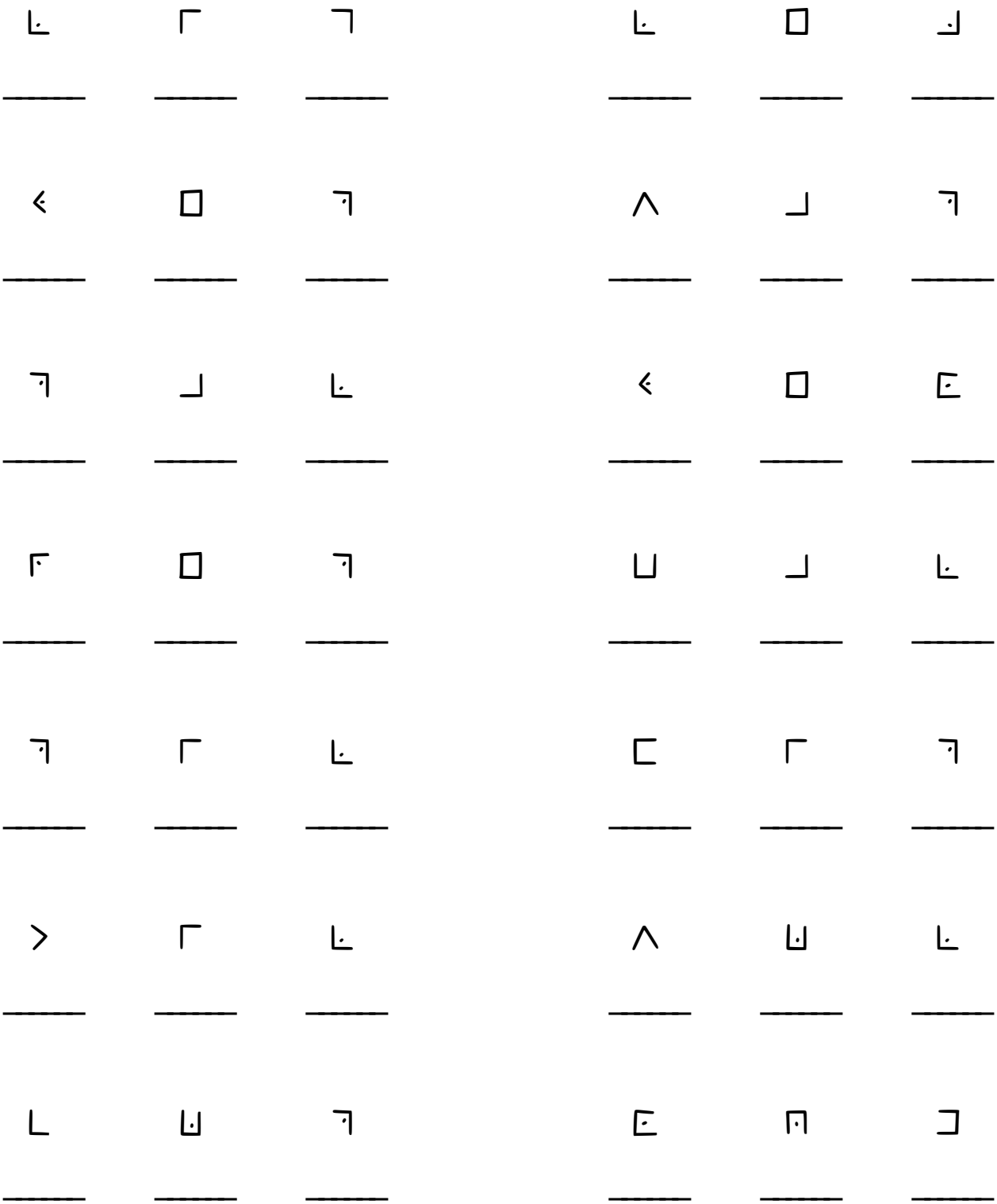
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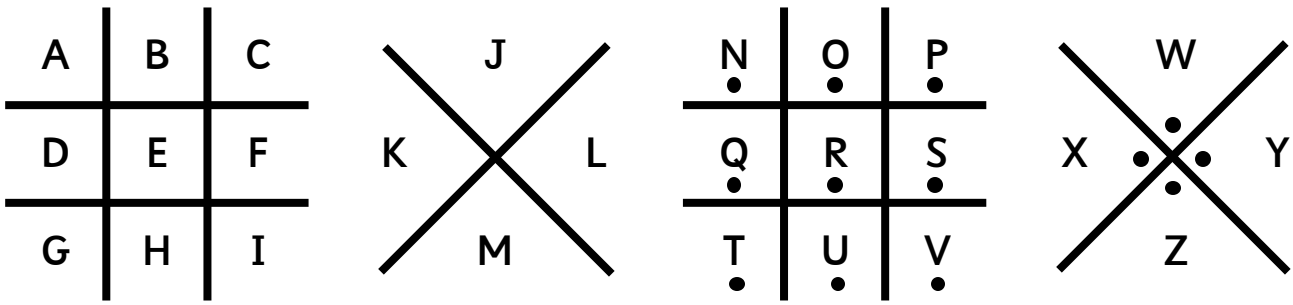


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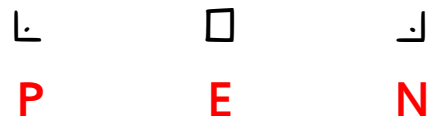
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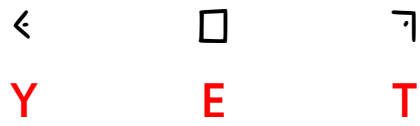
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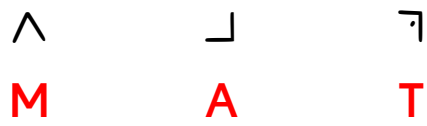
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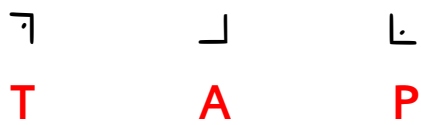
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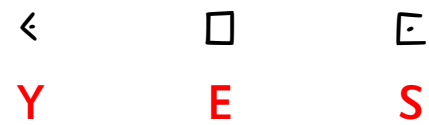
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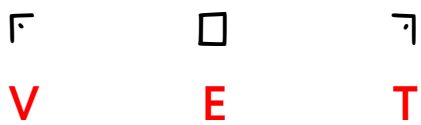
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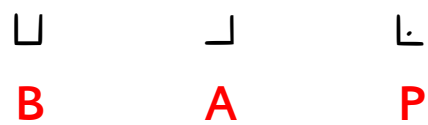
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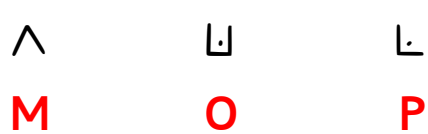
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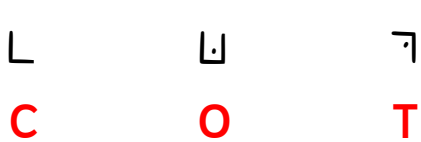
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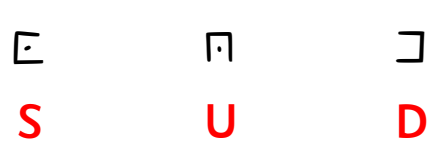
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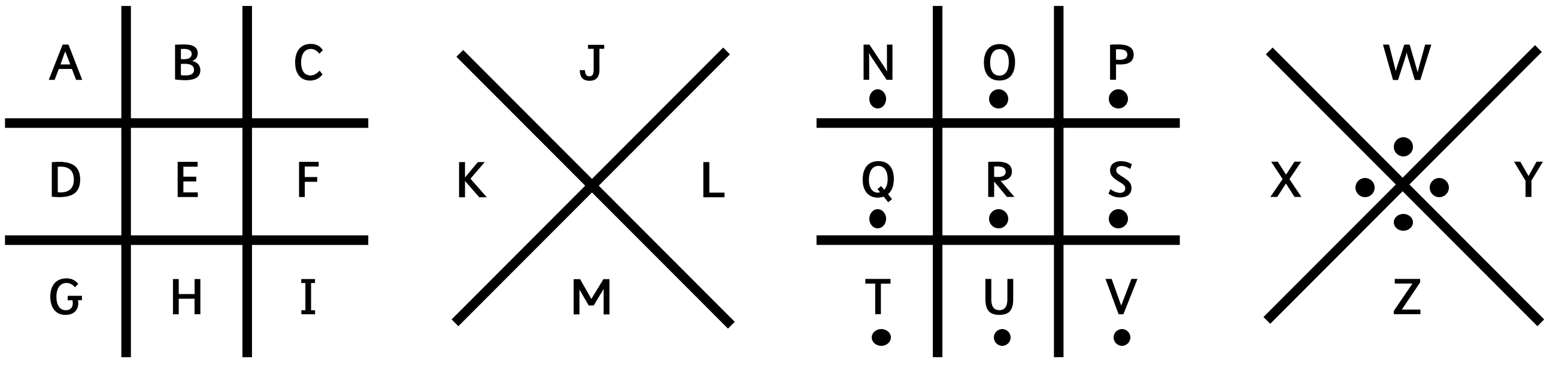
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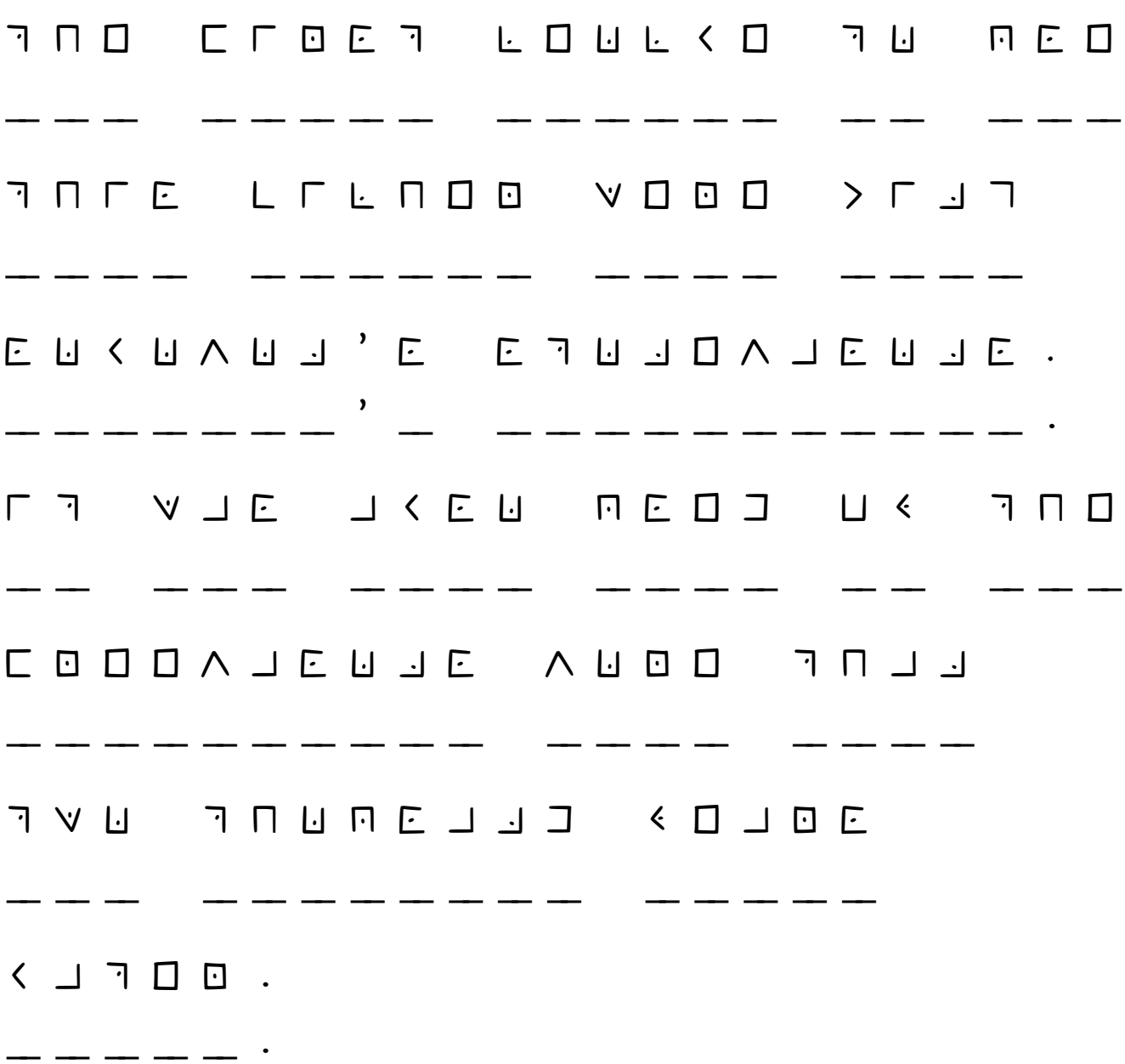
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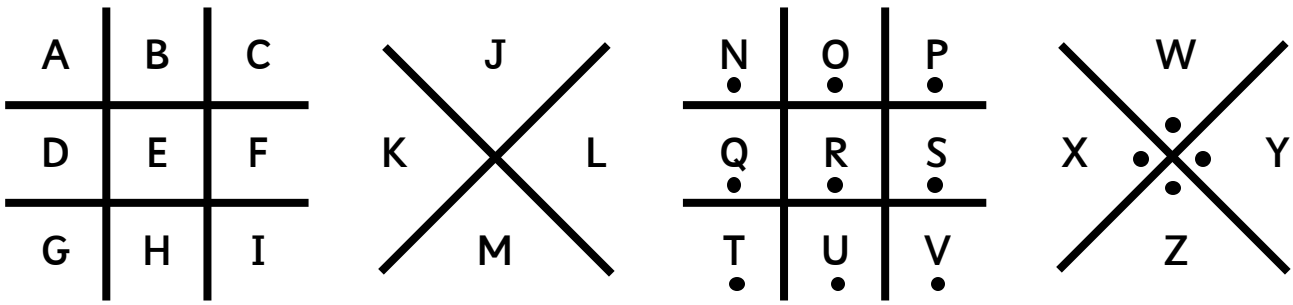


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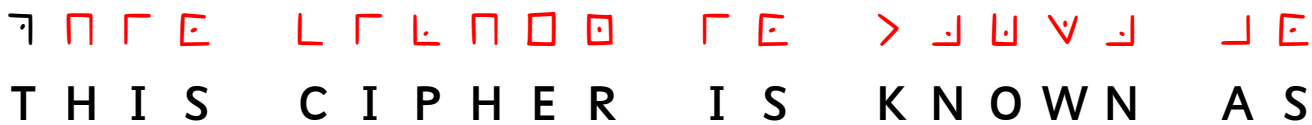
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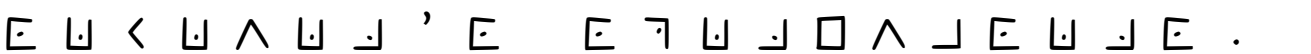
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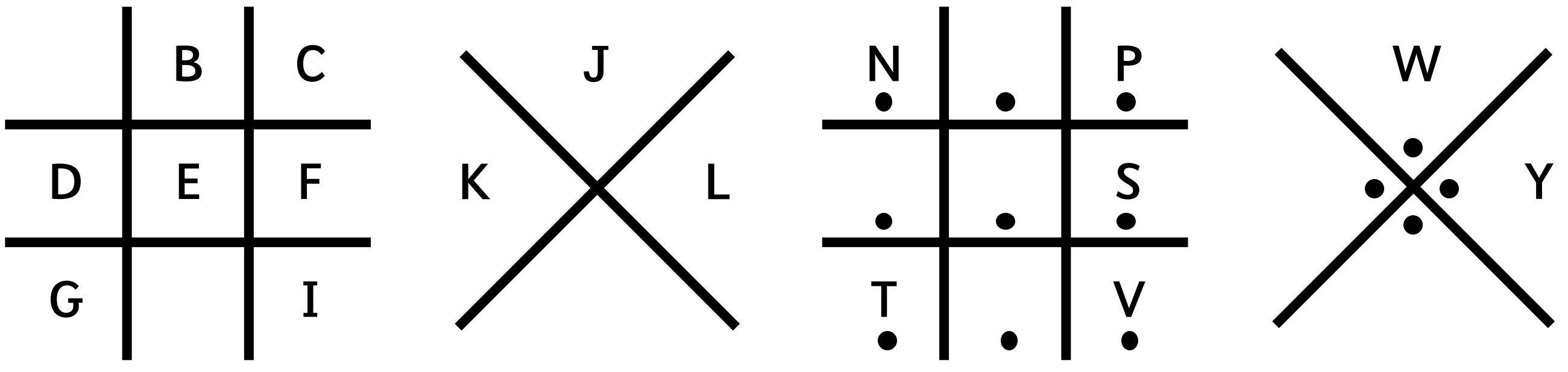
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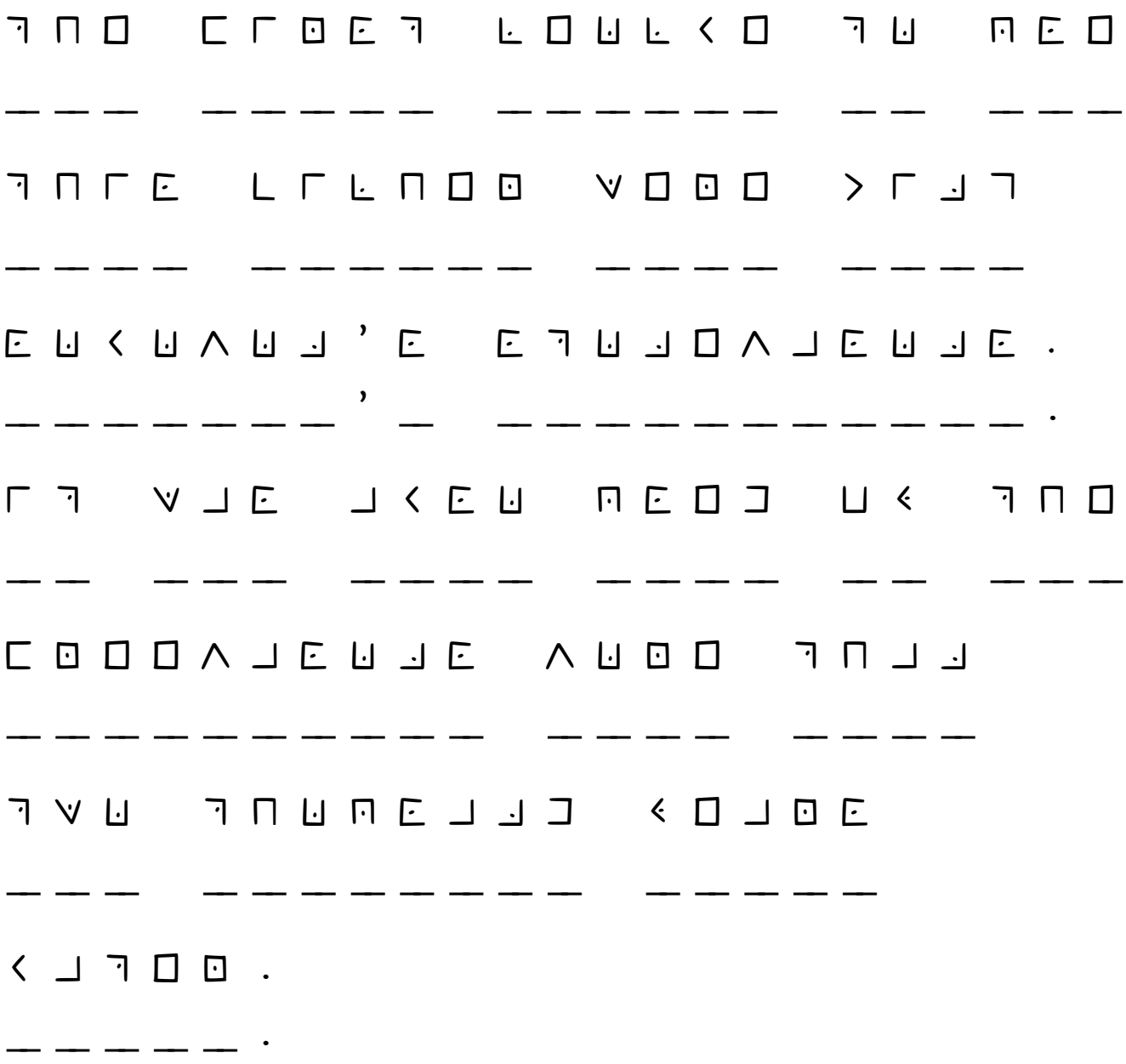
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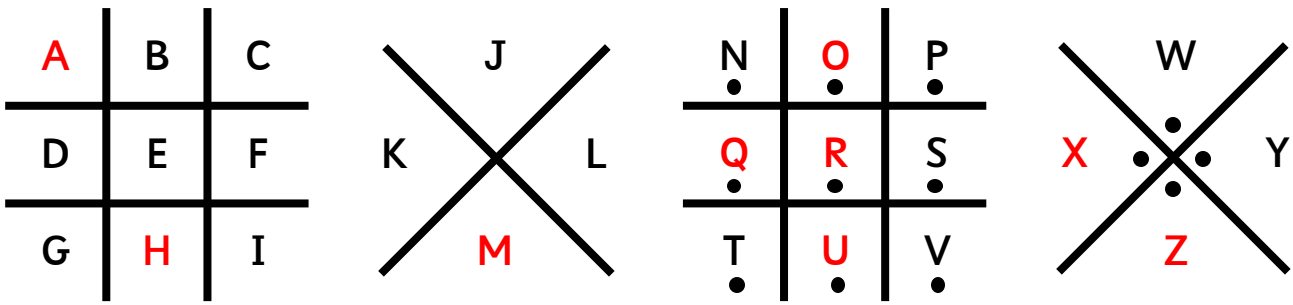


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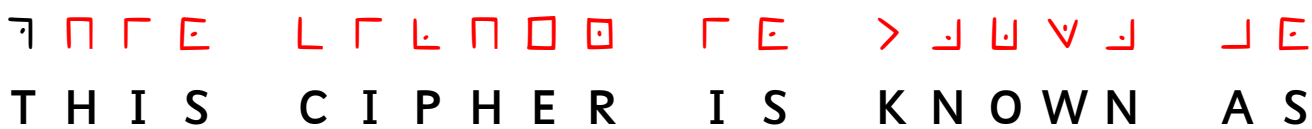
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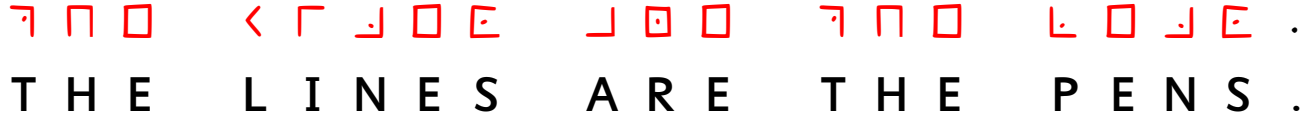
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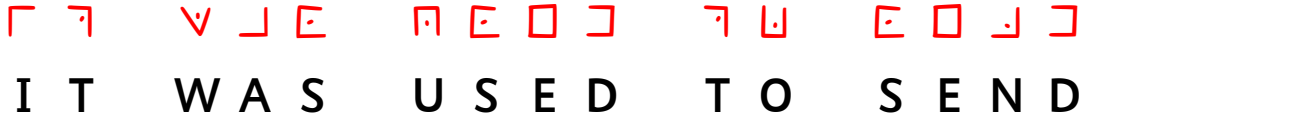
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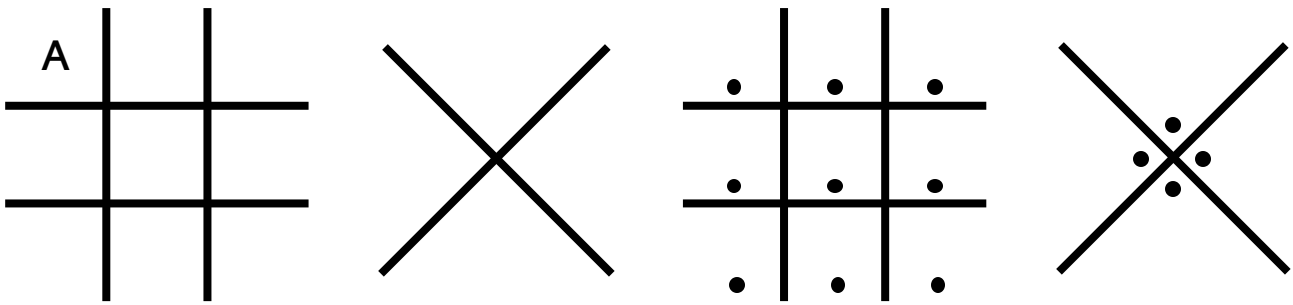
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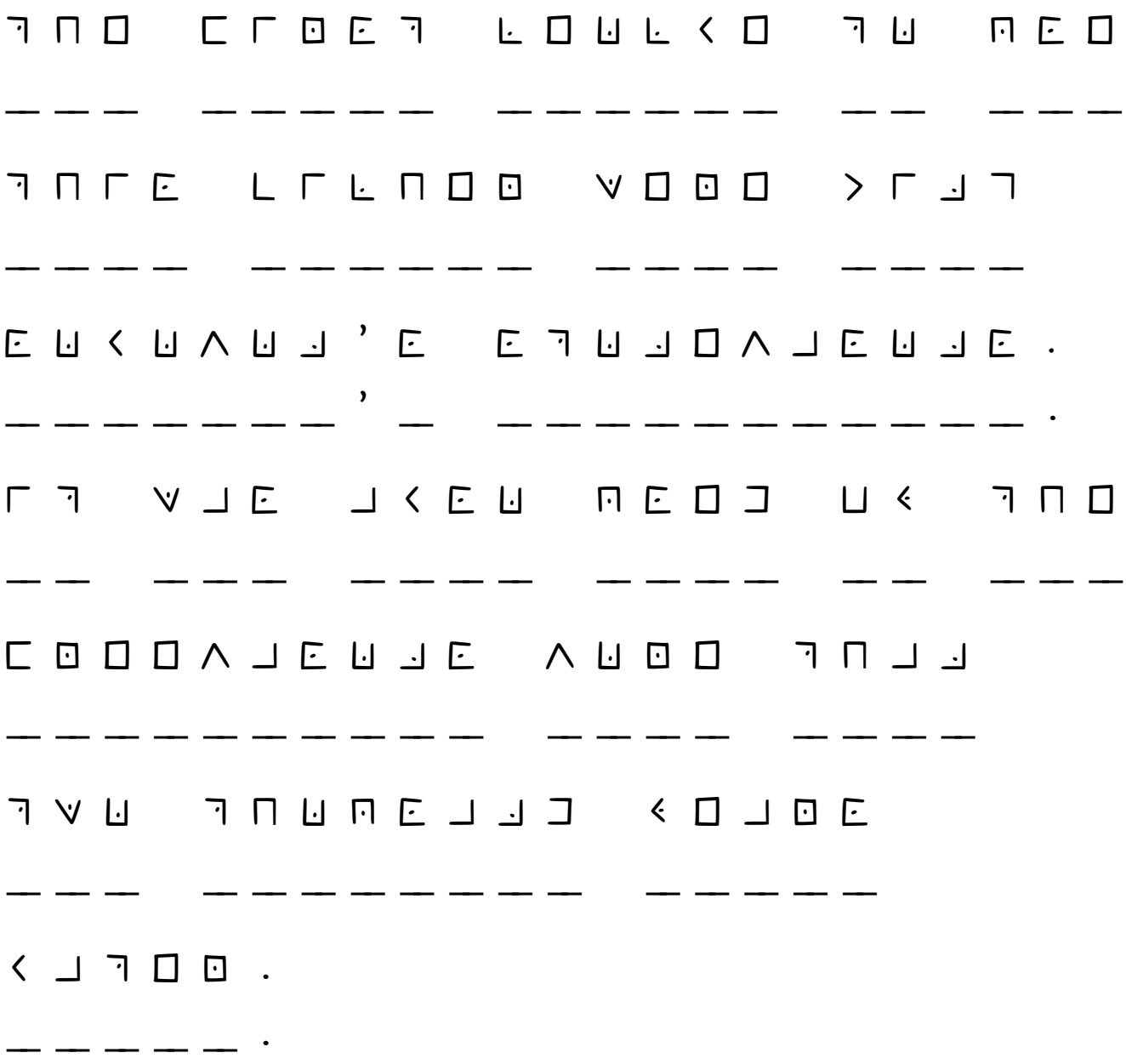
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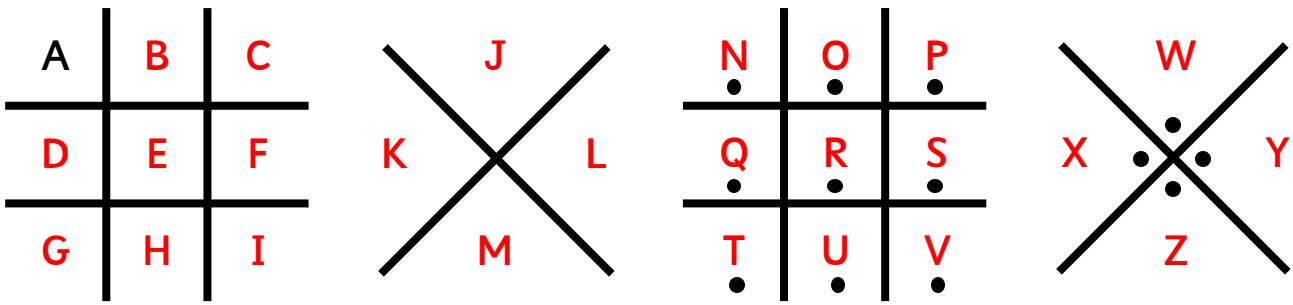


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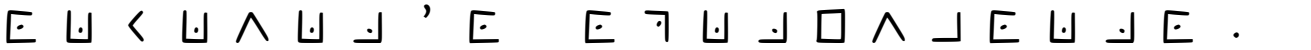
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