

Silent letter maze

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Activity

Silent letter word maze

Aim

To get from one side of the graveyard to the other by stepping on the stones with silent letters.

Interaction

Pairs

Language focus

Words containing silent letters

Skills focus

Speaking, listening

Preparation

Photocopy the maze for each pair of students.

When to use

After Unit 4 Lesson 3

Time

15 minutes

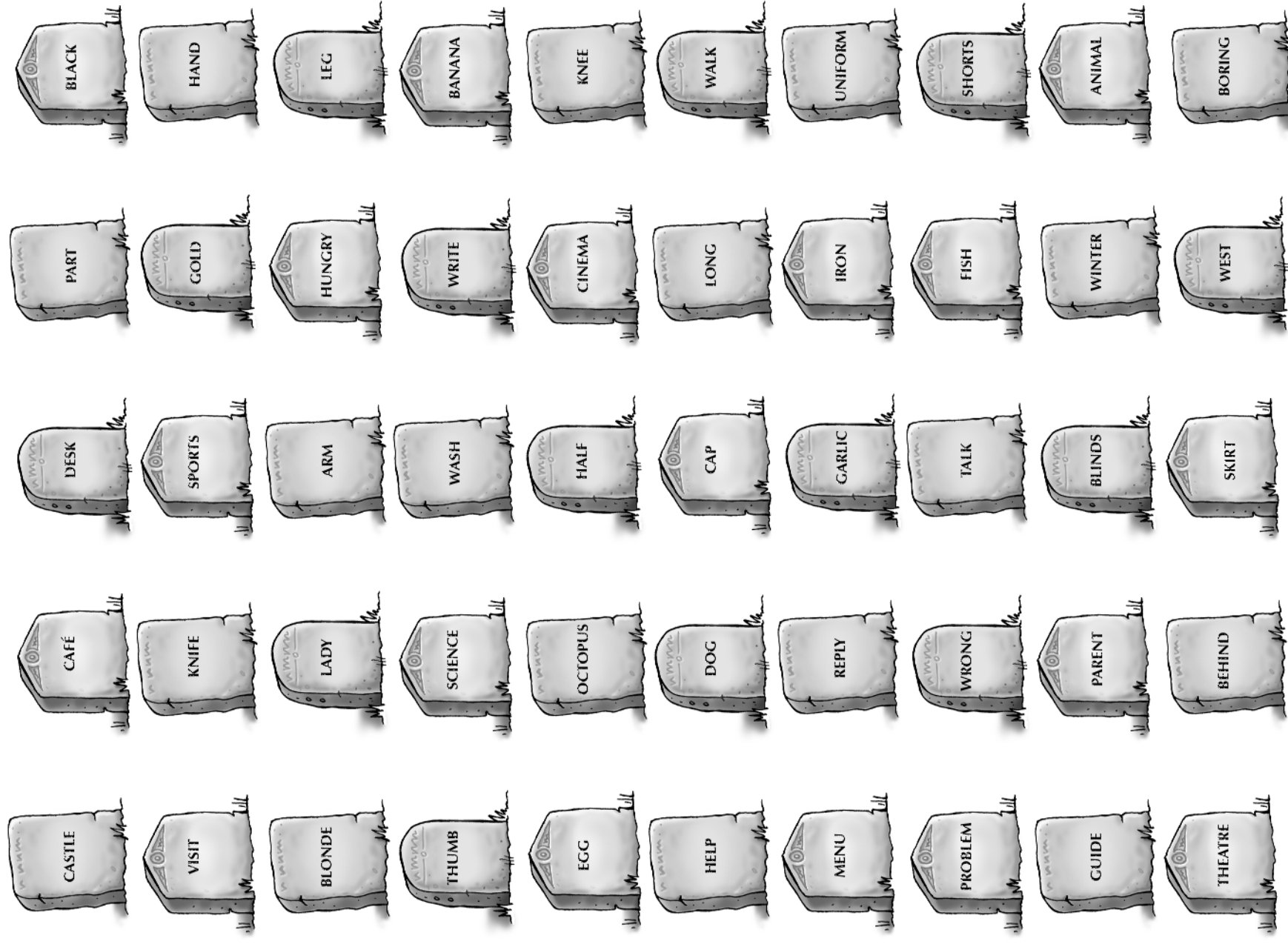
Procedure

- 1 Write comb and ghost on the board and remind the students of silent letters. Ask them to identify the silent letters in each of the words.
- 2 Divide the class up in pairs and give each pair a copy of the silent letter graveyard.
- 3 Explain the rules:
 - the students have to cross from one side of the graveyard to the other.
 - they are only able to use a gravestone if the word on the stone has a silent letter in it.
 - they can move vertically, horizontally or diagonally but they can only move from one stone to the next, they cannot jump over any.
- 4 The students then work in pairs to be the fastest to work out the route across the graveyard.
- 5 Conduct feedback. The winning pair of students can report the correct path through the maze back to the class. If they make a mistake, the second fastest pair can continue.

Key

The correct route is: castle, knife, blonde, thumb, science, half, write, knee, walk, iron, talk, wrong, guide, theatre.

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