

# Maths puzzle

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## Maths puzzle

This square has eleven letters missing.

Can you solve this maths puzzle by placing the letters m, a, t, h and s into the missing squares. Every row, column and main diagonals must contain all five letters that spell maths.



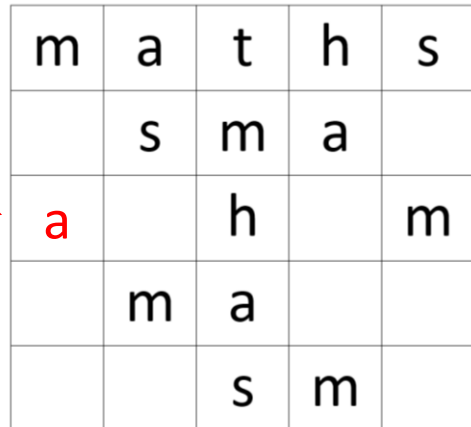
m	a	t	h	s
	s	m	a	
		h		m
	m	a		
		s	m	

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Getting started

My starting point was here.

The letter a was already present in columns 2 and 4 (reading from left to right).



m	a	t	h	s
	s	m	a	
a		h		m
	m	a		
		s	m	

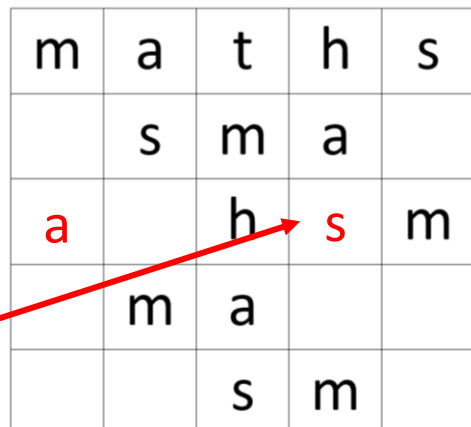
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My next step was to look across the row to see which letters were missing.

The letter t and s were missing.

The letter s was already in columns 2 and 5, so it had to go here.



m	a	t	h	s
	s	m	a	
a		h	s	m
	m	a		
		s	m	

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Once I had completed these two steps there was only one letter missing from the word maths and it was the letter t.

Once I'd completed the row the other letters could easily be placed.

Here is my solution.

m	a	t	h	s
h	s	m	a	t
a	t	h	s	m
s	m	a	t	h
t	h	s	m	a