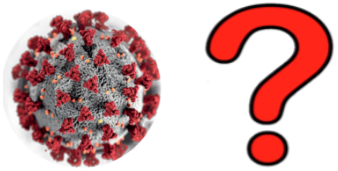
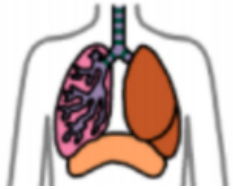
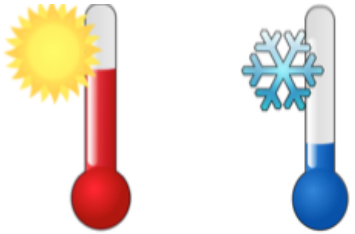
SUCTION	**WHAT'S MY STATUS?** 	**CALL MY FAMILY**	**LIGHTS ON/OFF**
TROUBLE BREATHING 	**PAIN**	**MEDICINE**	**HOT COLD** 
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E	F	G	H	START OVER	NEW WORD
I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Qu	R	S	T
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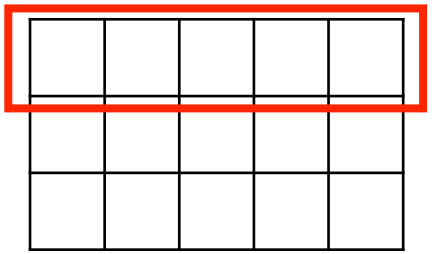

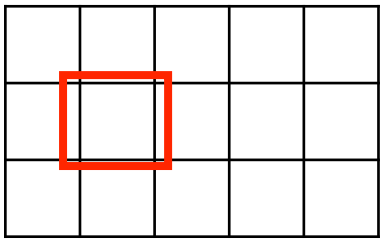

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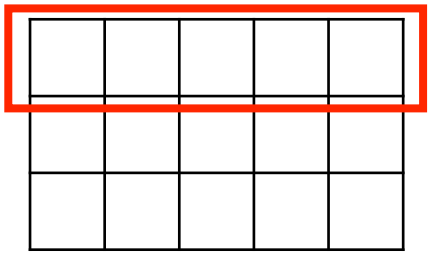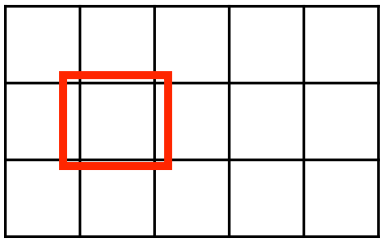
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