

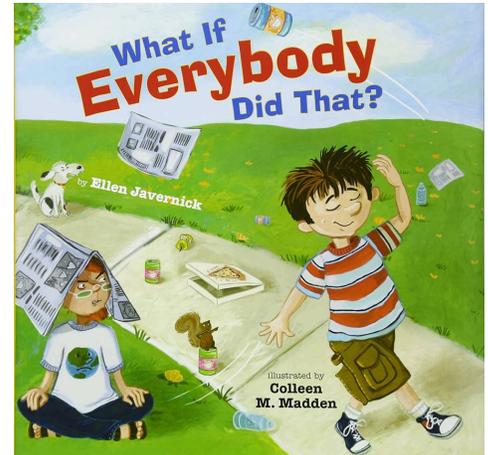


What If Everybody Did That?

by Ellen Javernick

Through funny and thought-provoking examples, this story shows what would happen if everybody ignored the rules, made a mess, or acted without thinking. It helps students realize that their choices affect others and that being responsible makes a big difference.

This engaging story helps students reflect on accountability and collaboration and how small actions can shape their community for the better.



Discussion Questions

- Why does the book keep asking, “What if everybody did that?”
 - Follow-up Prompt: What might happen if everyone didn’t follow rules or think about others’ feelings?
 - Leadership Connection: Leaders are accountable, they take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others.
- What are some positive things that could happen if everybody made kind choices?
 - Follow-up Prompt: What could our classroom look like if everybody worked together to help others?
 - Leadership Connection: Leaders make the world a better place for everyone through their choices and actions.
- Why is it important to think before we act or speak?
 - Follow-up Prompt: How can being mindful of others’ feelings help us lead with kindness?
 - Leadership Connection: Leaders show empathy by considering how their choices impact their community.



Classroom Activities

“What If Everybody Did That?” Class Book

- As a class, brainstorm examples of kind or responsible actions (e.g., What if everybody picked up trash? What if everybody shared?).
- Each student illustrates one page and writes a short sentence to complete the phrase.
- Bind the pages together into a classroom book to display or send home.

Ripple Effect Experiment

- Fill a bowl with water. Drop in one pebble and watch the ripples spread.
- Talk about how one small action, like kindness, sharing, or speaking up, can ripple out and affect others.
- Students then write or draw one positive “ripple” they can create in the classroom or school.

Schoolwide Engagement Project

“Imagine If Everybody Did That!” Wall

Each class contributes drawings or messages showing what would happen if everybody made kind, responsible, or helpful choices at school.

Examples might include:

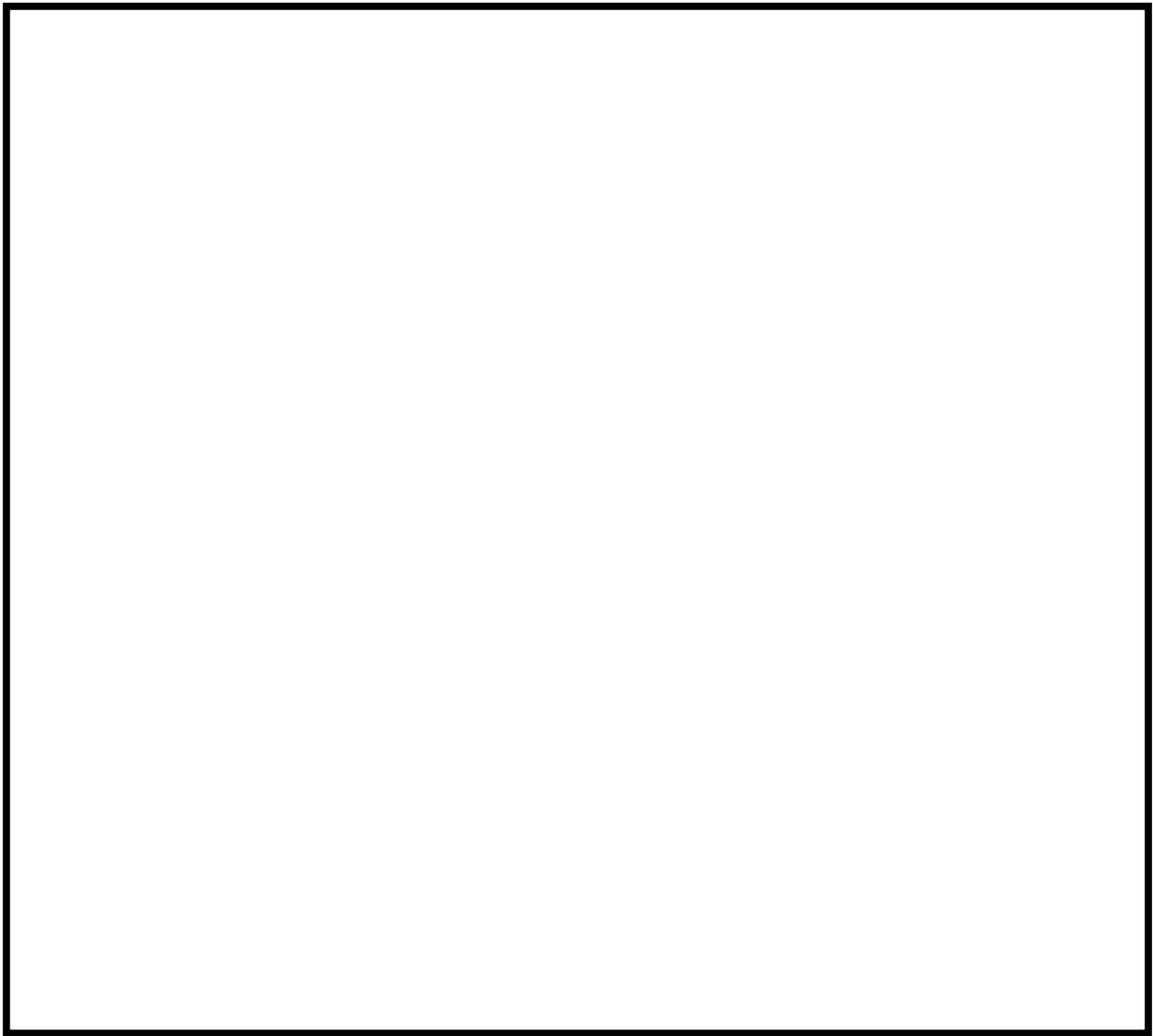
- Picking up after ourselves
- Inviting others to play
- Listening carefully
- Encouraging others
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Display them together in a large hallway mural titled: “Imagine If Everybody Did That!”

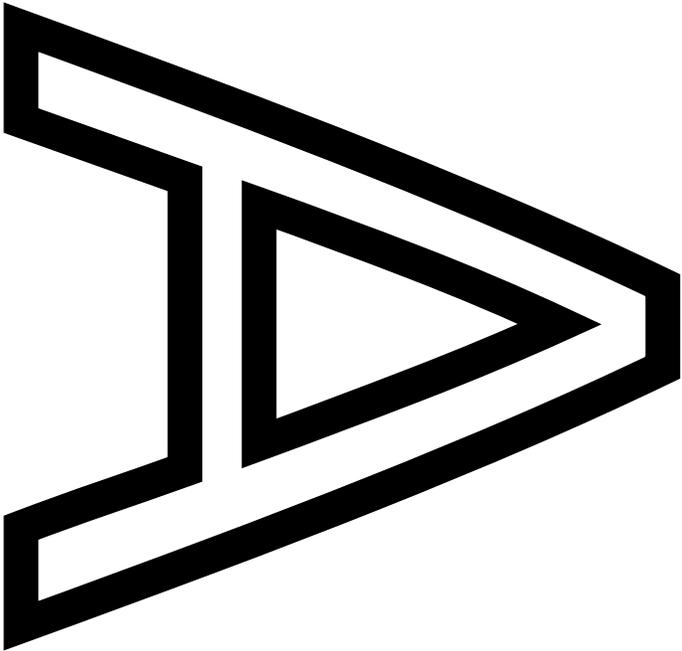
Add a reflection question at the bottom: “How can YOU be the one to start it?”

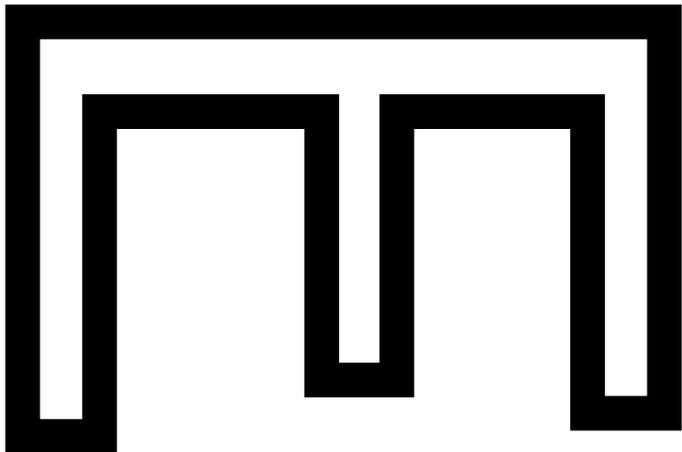
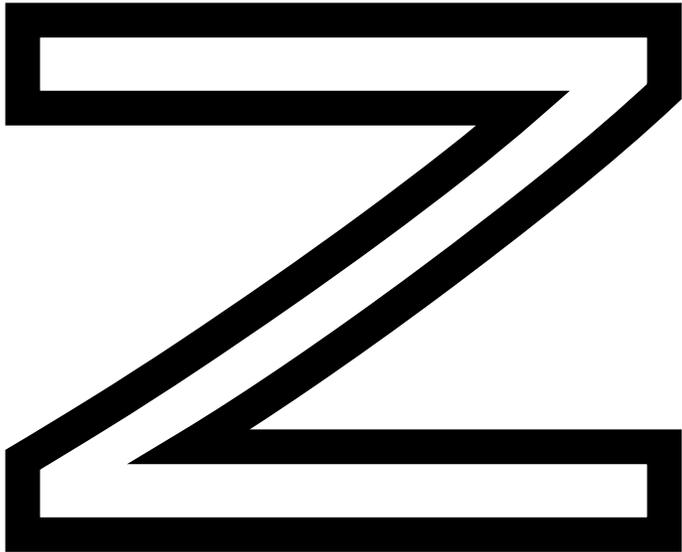
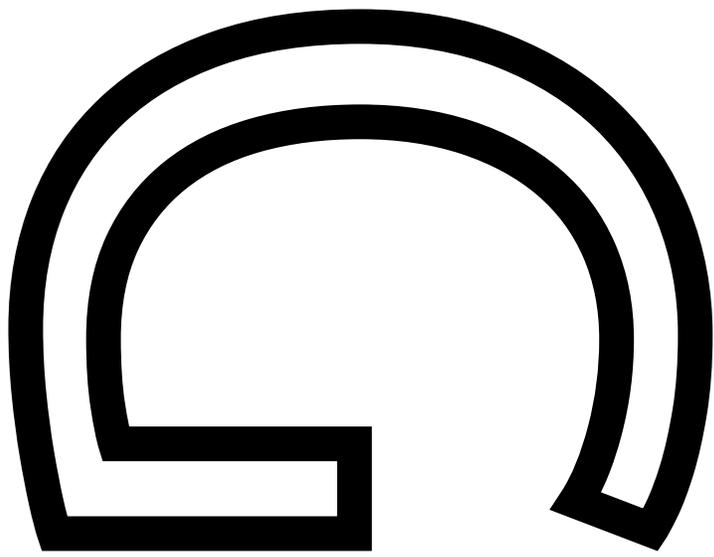
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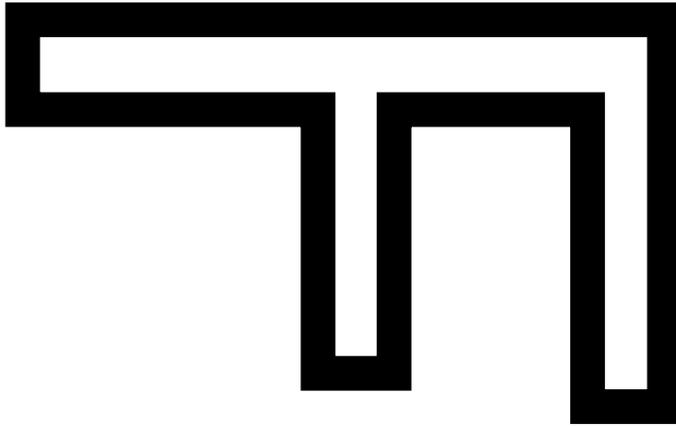
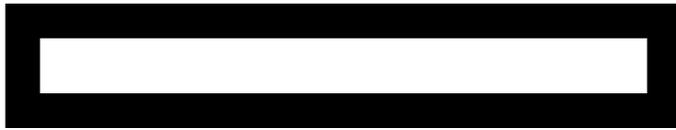
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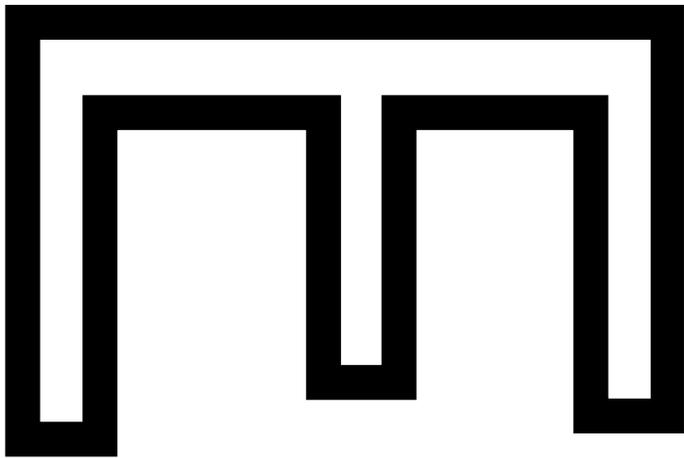
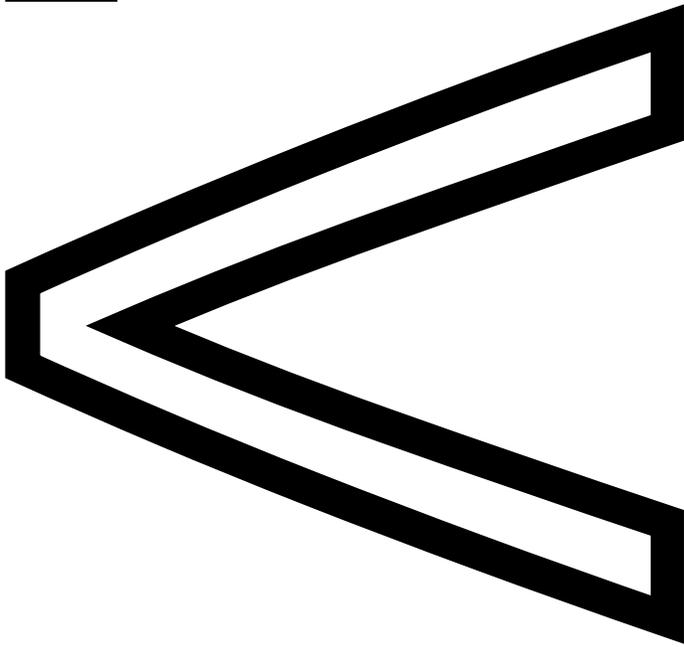
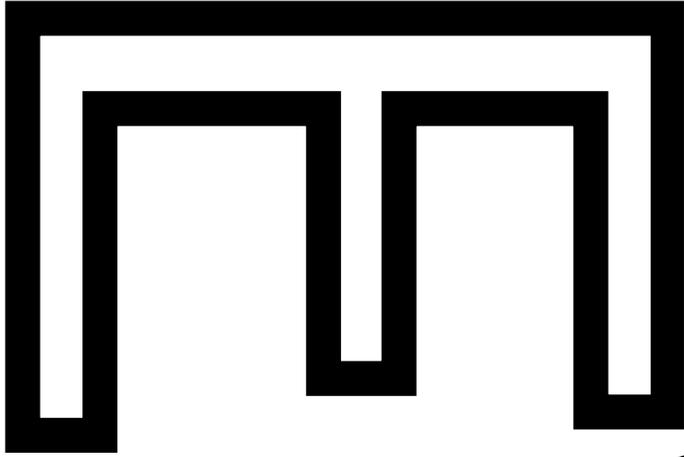


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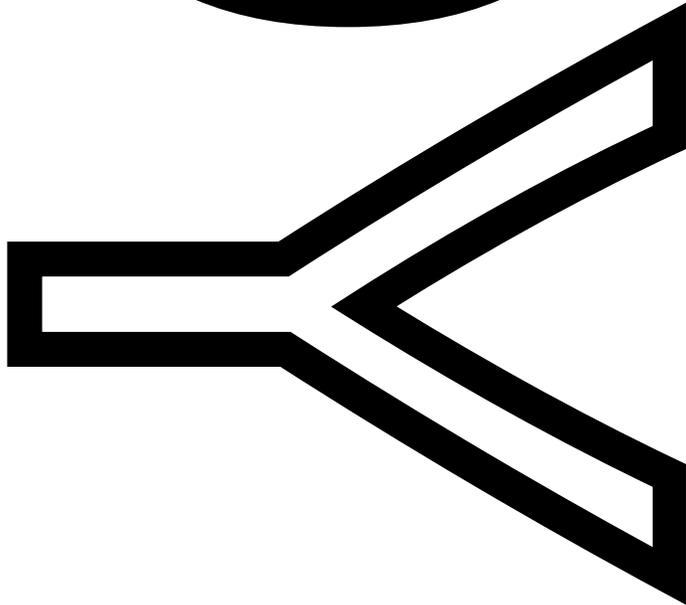
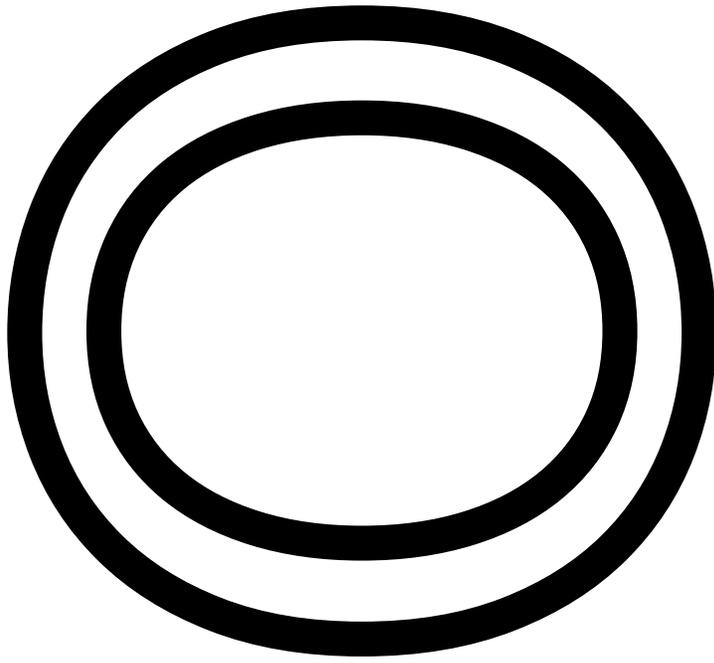


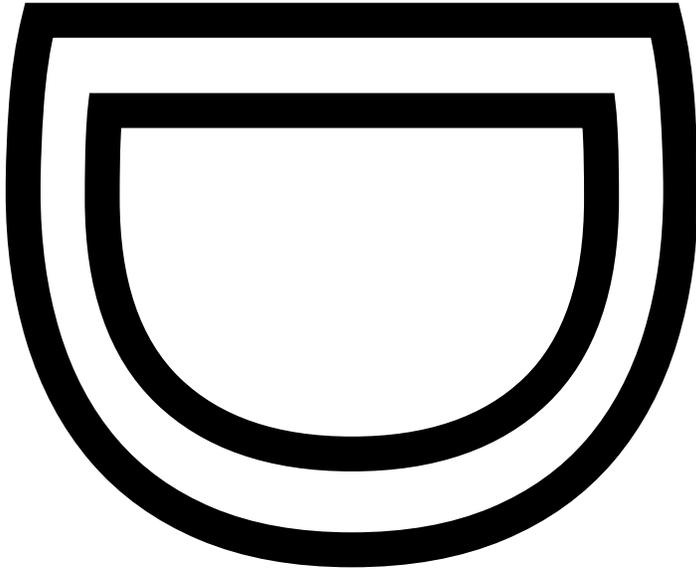


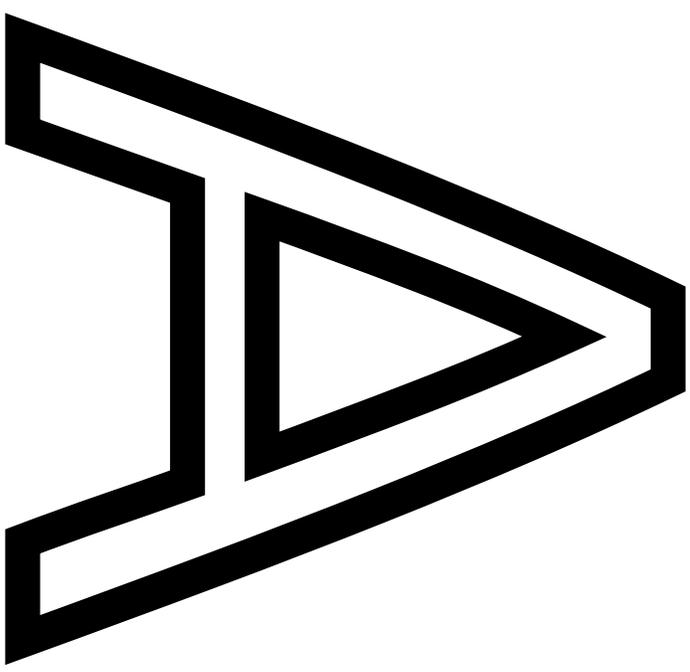
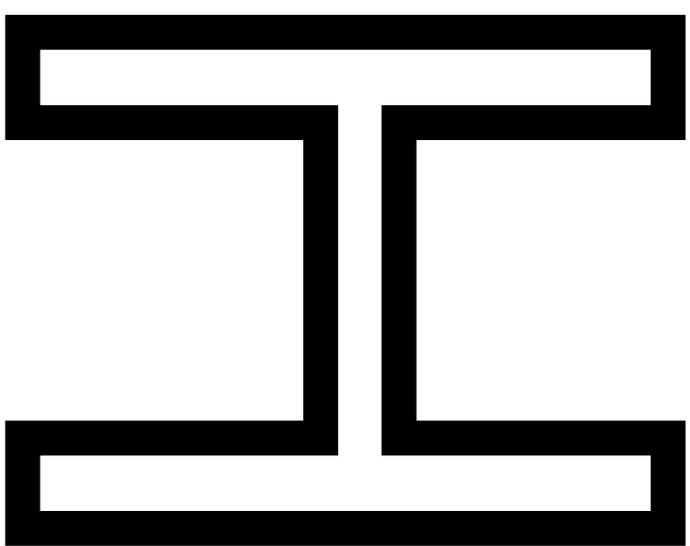
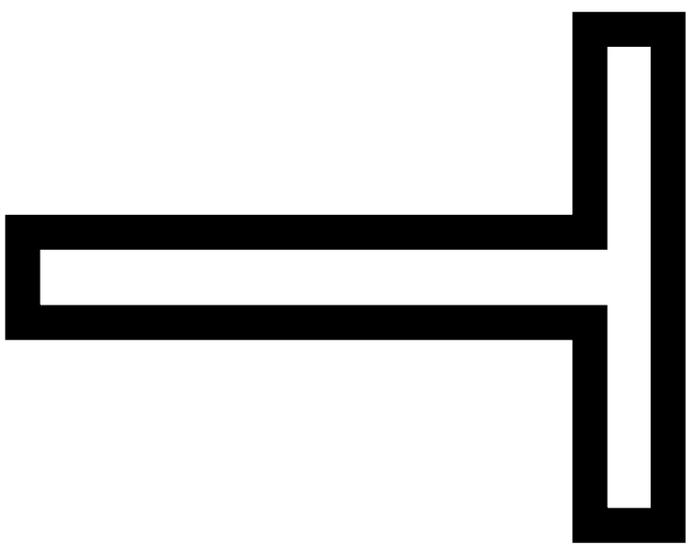


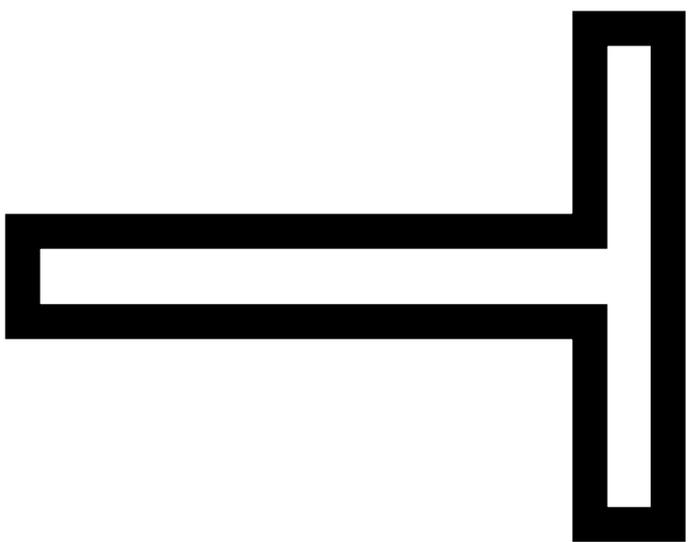
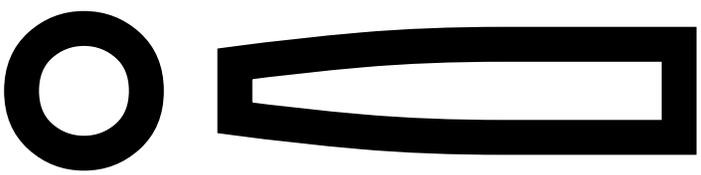


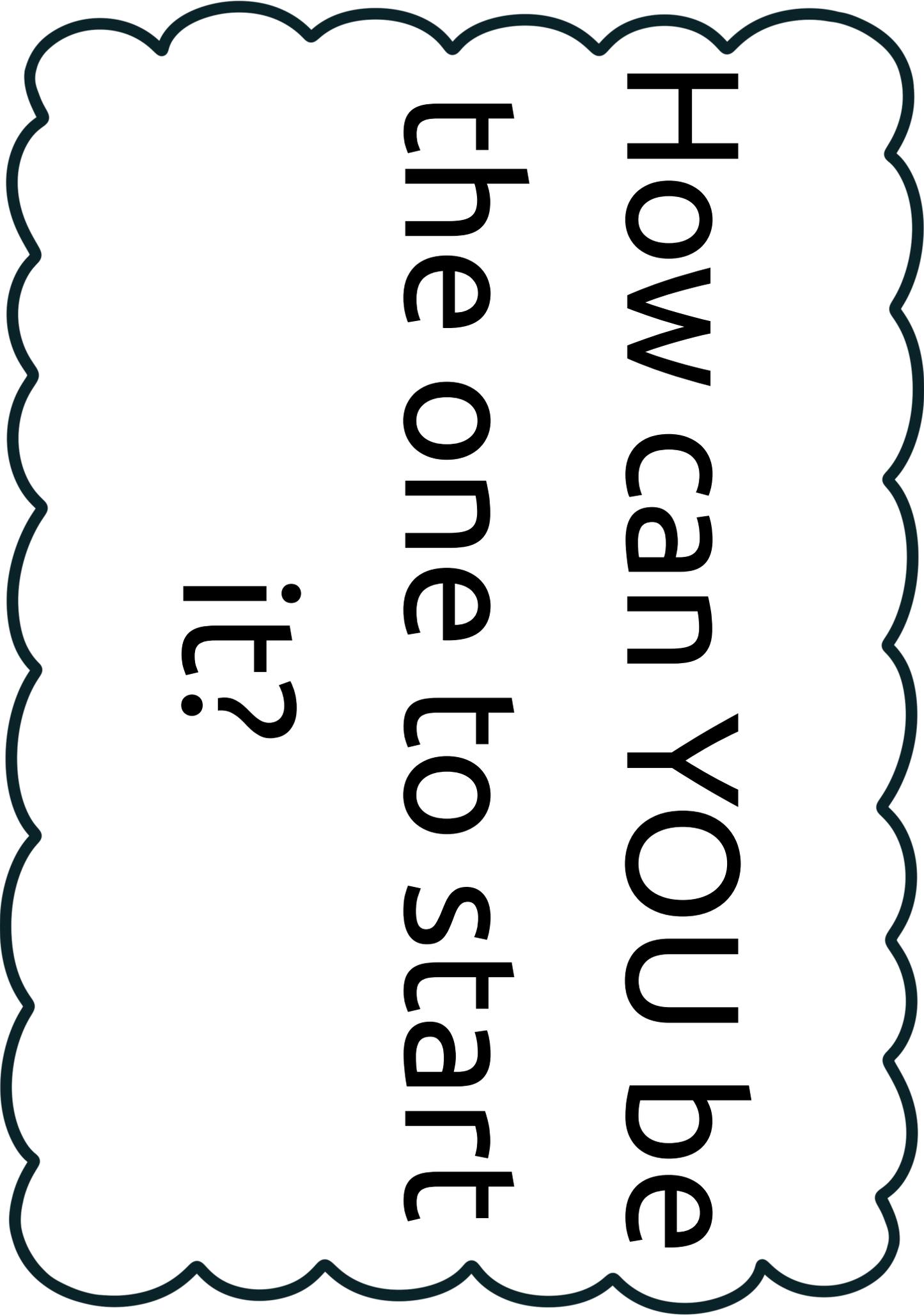
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