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Circle the correct answer to each question.

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Match each word in Column A with its meaning in Column B

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- _____ reproof
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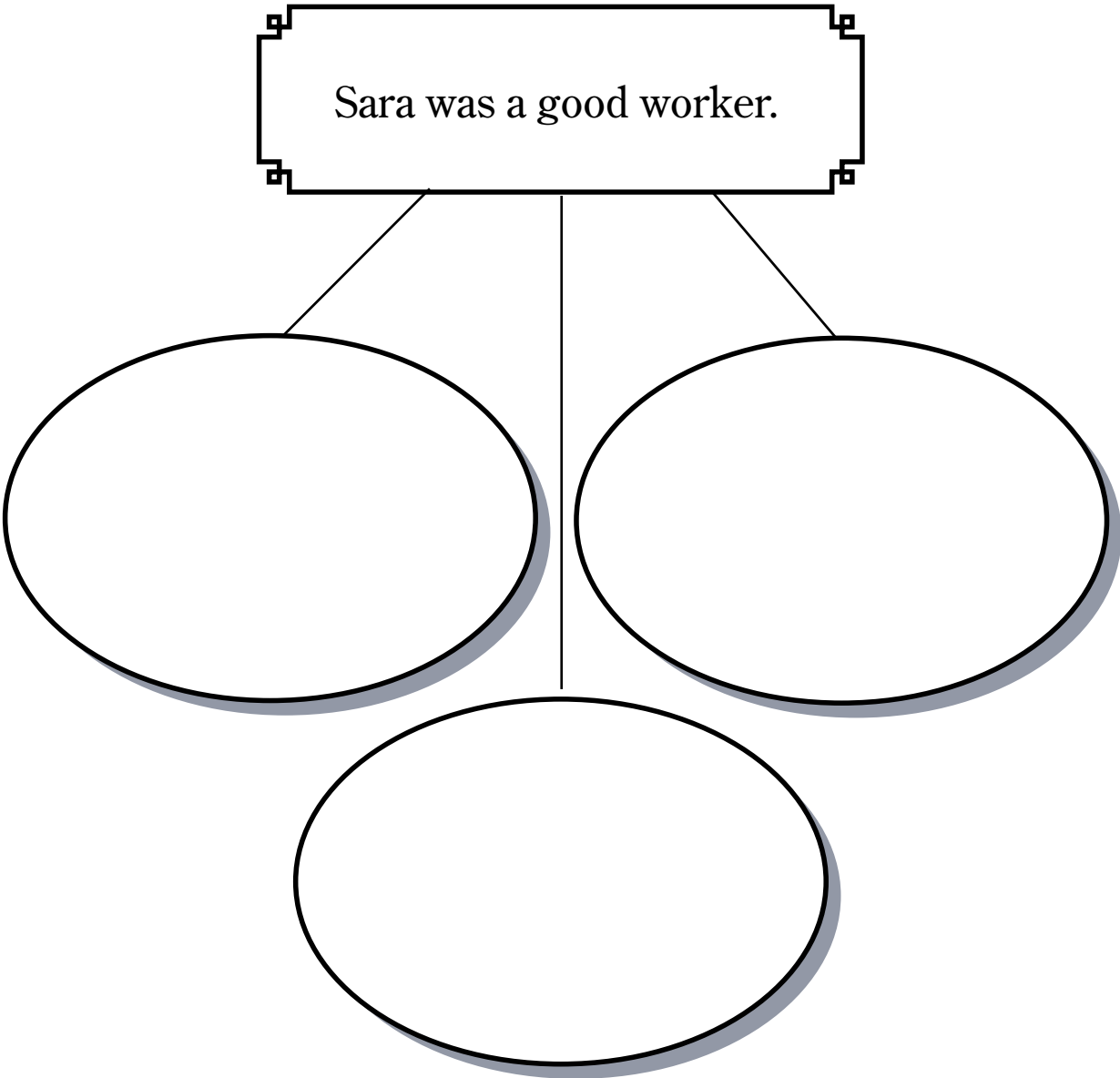
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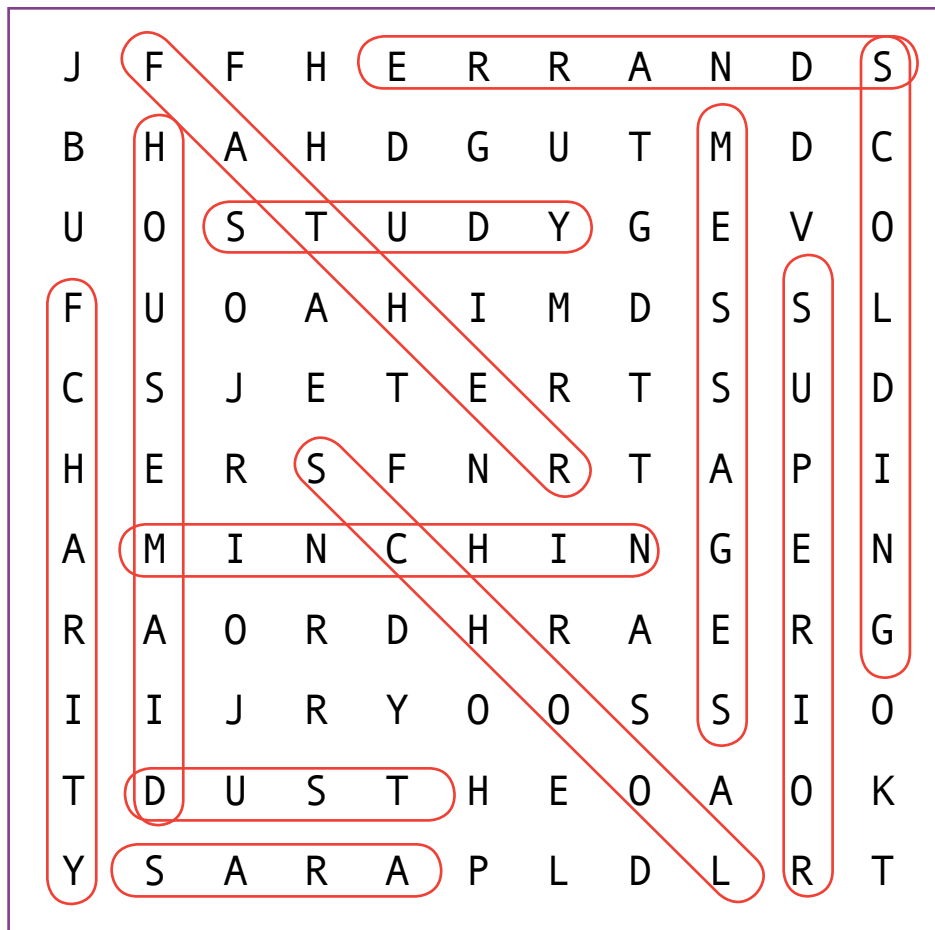
What Would You Miss Most?

Sara had many beautiful clothes and toys that were taken away from her when her father died. She also had to stop going to school. She had to leave her comfortable bedroom and move to the cold attic. She had to work hard and was not given much food. If you were like Sara and suddenly lost everything, what would you miss most? Why would you miss it? Would you want to work to get it back?

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