

# SPaG Activity Mat

**a**

Can you rewrite the sentence below as direct speech?

The shop assistant told him that the cost was six pounds exactly.

Accept direct speech with the reporting clause either before or after the inverted commas, e.g. The shop assistant politely said, "That'll be six pounds exactly." OR "That'll be six pounds exactly," said the shop assistant politely.

**c**

**Students Cook & Serve Grandparents!**

Why is this newspaper headline ambiguous?

Accept an explanation about how the headline could be misconstrued and its readers may think that the students are actually cooking and serving their grandparents as food!

**e**

Underline the adverb of possibility or modal verb in the following sentences and say what type of word you have underlined.

a) Bridget might be able to attend the party.  
modal verb

b) Perhaps Joe had lost his wallet when he was at the shopping centre.  
adverb of possibility

**d**

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up two words containing the 'ough' letter string. Can you help him unjumble them?

loguhath

although

goulph

plough



**b**

Write a sentence using the commonly-confused homophone word 'practise'.

Accept any sentence where 'practise' is used in the correct context as a verb, e.g. The parkour instructor told Tessa to practise more if she wanted to complete the difficult jump.

**f**

Insert commas around the relative clause in this sentence and underline the relative pronoun.

The war veterans, who were now all in their eighties, paraded proudly down the street.

