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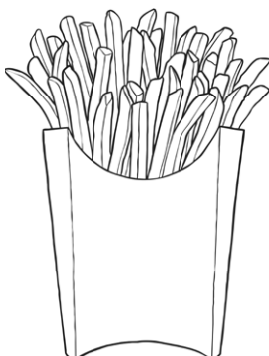
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Now have a go at the sentences.

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Answers are the same as for the three star challenge. The pupil will have only written out one answer.



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