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NAISNIENLGELTETWEORRSD

Big Cross-Out Swindle

after Martin Gardner

Write down the letters shown in the illustration.

The object is to cross out nine letters in such a way that the remaining letters spell a single word.

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**NINE LETTERS
A SINGLE WORD**

Big Cross-Out Swindle (solution)

The classic solution to this puzzle is to cross out every other letter, starting with N. This eliminates NINE LETTERS, leaving A SINGLE WORD as shown in the illustration.

The other solution, found by Don Dwyer, Jr., is to cross out the nine letters AEILNRSTW every time they appear, to leave the word GOD.