# 2018. Check if Word Can Be Placed In Crossword

## Description

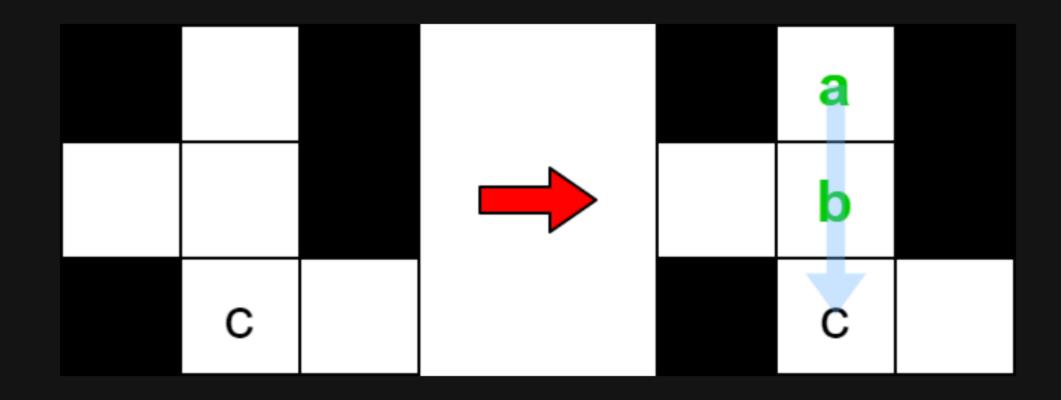
You are given an m x n matrix board, representing the current state of a crossword puzzle. The crossword contains lowercase English letters (from solved words), '' to represent any empty cells, and '#' to represent any blocked cells.

A word can be placed horizontally (left to right or right to left) or vertically (top to bottom or bottom to top) in the board if:

- It does not occupy a cell containing the character '#'.
- The cell each letter is placed in must either be '' (empty) or match the letter already on the board.
- There must not be any empty cells 🔼 or other lowercase letters directly left or right of the word if the word was placed horizontally.
- There must not be any empty cells 🔼 or other lowercase letters directly above or below the word if the word was placed vertically.

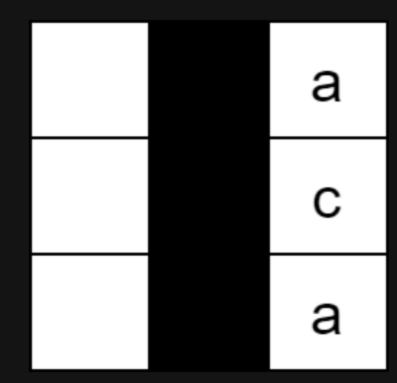
Given a string word, return true if word can be placed in board, or false otherwise.

#### **Example 1:**



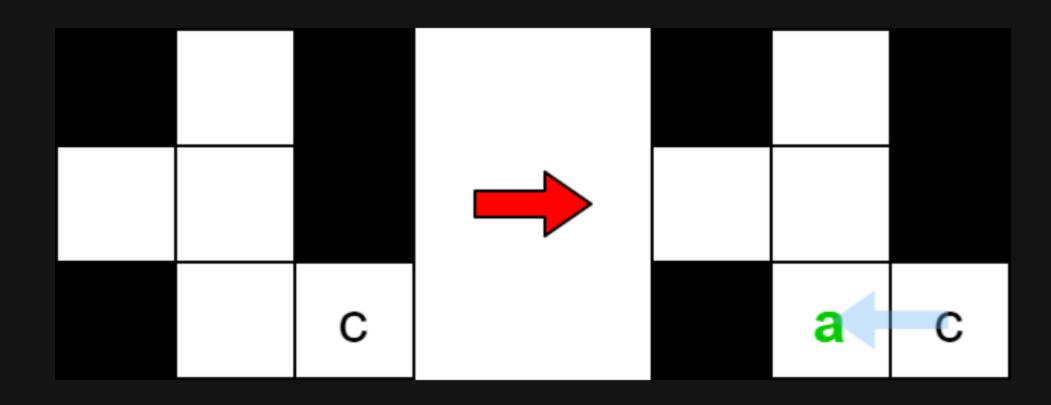
Input: board = [["#", " ", "#"], [" ", " ", "#"], ["#", "c", " "]], word = "abc"
Output: true
Explanation: The word "abc" can be placed as shown above (top to bottom).

#### Example 2:



Input: board = [[" ", "#", "a"], [" ", "#", "c"], [" ", "#", "a"]], word = "ac"
Output: false
Explanation: It is impossible to place the word because there will always be a space/letter above or below it.

#### Example 3:



Input: board = [["#", " ", "#"], [" ", " ", "#"], ["#", " ", "c"]], word = "ca"
Output: true
Explanation: The word "ca" can be placed as shown above (right to left).

### **Constraints:**

- m == board.length
- n == board[i].length
- $1 <= m * n <= 2 * 10^5$
- board[i][j] will be '', '#', or a lowercase English letter.
- 1 <= word.length <= max(m, n)
- word will contain only lowercase English letters.