

# Solution: *Murray's Decathlon*

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There are 10 sections to this puzzle. Each section clues three letters in a four letter sequence. Taking the missing letter from each section, and ordering alphabetically by section title, spells the solution: HOLY SISTER.

The sections, in alphabetical order by titles, are:

- Across - One letter can be placed in the middle to form two four-letter words. They are [HAL[F]ORM], [SNU[G]OOD], and [MAG[I]OTA]. The missing letter is H.
- Blinded - This is a paint by number puzzle, which when solved, forms three letters in Braille. The missing letter is O.
- Consonants - Each word has a letter that can go on front to solve the clues. They are K-NINE (“canine”), M-BER (“ember”), and N-ABLE (“enable”). The missing letter is L.
- Dots and Dashes - This is Morse code. The i’s are dots, and the t’s are dashes. The missing letter is Y.
- Engineering - These are resistor code colors. They clue the numbers 17, 18, 20, which correspond to the letters Q, R, T. The missing letter is S.
- Four or more - All of these phrases can have a number appended to the end of them. The first column is 8 (PIECES OF EIGHT), the second column is 10, and the third column is 11. The missing number is 9, which corresponds to I.
- Guess the number - The number is 4. All of the questions are True/False questions. Writing a “1” for true and “0” for false gives a letter in each column encoded in binary. The missing letter is S.
- Handsets - These are numbers encoded in phone code. For example, looking at a phone keypad, 2 is “a”, 22 is “b”, and 222 is “c”. The numbers convert directly to letters. The missing letter is T.
- Integers - Each of these crossword clues correspond to a word with a number inside. The words are THREEPWOOD (3), FOURIER (4), and SIX-SHOOTER (6). The missing number is 5, which means the missing letter is E.
- Just follow the directions - Following the directions results in letters encoded in semaphore. The missing letter is R.