

Solution: *Planking the Walk*

Author: Henry Wong

This puzzle was an installation puzzle. Nine posters were distributed among picnic tables. Each poster had three words overlaid on top of the image of a maritime signal flag. The signal flags were the flags that corresponded to the letters A to I. This provides an ordering.

The letters were expanded vertically so that were hard to read normally. However, they were easily readable if looked at the page edge on, such as if you were to plank on the tables. The three words are all members of some group. There exists a member of the NATO phonetic alphabet which would also fit these groupings. (NATO also uses maritime signal flags to indicate these letters). Reading the first letter of the NATO alphabet members give the solution to the puzzle: YOUNG GIRL.

SIGNAL FLAG	WORDS ON IMAGE	GROUP	SIGNAL FLAG WHICH FITS
Alfa	MARINERS, PIRATES, ATHLETICS	Major League Baseball team	[Y]ankee
Bravo	EMMY, GRAMMY, TONY	Entertainment award	[O]scar
Charlie	EXPONENTIAL, NORMAL, HYPERGEOMETRIC	Probability distribution	[U]niform
Delta	MAY, OCTOBER, SEPTEMBER	Months	[N]ovember
Echo	BEETLE, JETTA, PASSAT	Volkswagen make	[G]olf
Foxtrot	BASEBALL, FOOTBAL, HOCKEY	Sport	[G]olf
Golf	CHINA, MIDDLE EAST, KAMCHATKA	Asian <i>Risk</i> territory	[I]ndia
Hotel	ANTONY, JULIUS CAESER, OTHELLO	Male Shakespeare title protagonist	[R]omeo
India	ASUNCION, BUENOS AIRES, CARACAS	South American capitals	[L]ima