Number Prefixes

One of the words in “Wilbur and Orville” has a prefix that expresses number. The word is bicycle, and the prefix bi- means “two,” as in two wheels. Read the number prefixes and their meanings in the word box.

| tri- three | quadr- four | deca- ten | centi- hundred |
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Match the clues with the correct word in the word box. Then fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct answer for each clue.

quadruplets
triliteral
centennial
bicuspid
decathlon

Down
1. a tooth with two points
2. having three sides

Across
3. an athletic contest comprising ten events
4. occurring once in a hundred years
5. four offspring born in a single birth

Challenge

Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following prefixes: demi-, kilo-, mega-, octo-, and penta-. On a separate sheet of paper, create a crossword puzzle like the one above. Trade papers with a classmate and complete each other’s puzzles.