

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

Match the clues with the correct word in the word box. Then fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct answer for each clue.

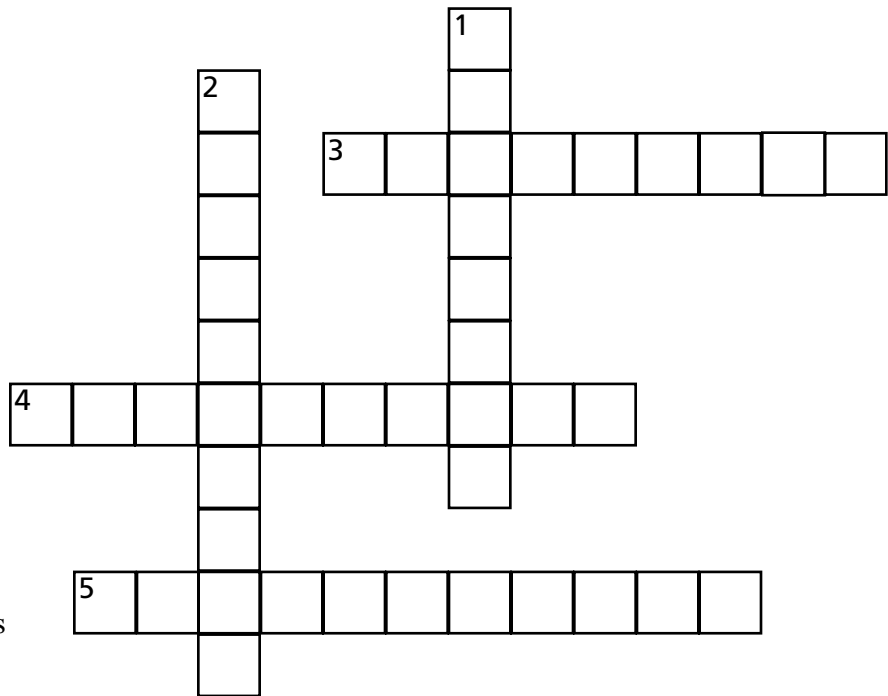
- quadruplets
- trilateral
- centennial
- bicuspid
- decathlon

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.