



A sporting goods store is likely to keep its employees hopping.

Five workers at the sporting goods store (A, B, C, D, and E) are going to compete in a race. Each will sometimes put on a burst of speed, allowing them to skip one of the squares down their column. Skipped spaces can be between answer words or within them. Use Row answers to determine these letters.

Columns

- A** “And the final point I want to make...” • Handheld farming tool with a curved blade • Ending, as of a musical piece • Result of a cannonball into the pool • Do well enough on a test
- B** Prefix meaning “intensely” • Canyon effect • Actress Linney or Dern • *Miss ___* (musical set in Vietnam) • Magical doorway
- C** Emperor killed on the Ides of March • Prefix in front of “space” and “dynamic” • Bit of rice • Wicked old witch, in many a folktale • US state across the Bering Strait from Russia
- D** Slightly off • Give a score from 1 to 10, say • Body part with lashes • ___ out a living (barely gets by) • Ctrl-Z function • Membership costs
- E** Male kids • *La Traviata*, for one • Common piece of bedroom furniture • Packet sold in a nursery • Hidden quantity of goods

Rows

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| 1 Director George of <i>Star Wars</i> | 15 Actor and playwright Ossie |
| 2 Battle site in San Antonio, Texas | 16 Out of the way, say |
| 3 Oktoberfest vessel | 17 More rational |
| 4 Tie up tightly | 18 Selects |
| 5 Cowboy’s rope | 19 Be of one mind |
| 6 Wish deeply (for) | 20 Like improperly tied shoelaces |
| 7 Toss on the junkpile | 21 Cancel out |
| 8 Angry | 22 Use money |
| 9 Say “Yay team!” | 23 Coin flip option |
| 10 Geographical name following North or South | 24 Some sporty shirts |
| 11 Actor Christopher of <i>Back to the Future</i> | 25 Big pre-season event, in many pro sports |
| 12 More than ready to go | 26 Out on the briny (2 words) |
| 13 Scientist Marie | 27 Japanese alcoholic beverages |
| 14 Exams where you don’t need a pencil | 28 / |

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