

SUNDIAL SOLUTION – BRIGHT SPARK / CLOCK RADIOS

The Dropquote puzzle can be solved as shown below (shown minus its curvature). In each yellow space, the given letter (placed by process of elimination) stands in for the trigram SUN, as in MIS[S UN]IVERSE or T[SUN]AMI.

B	U	T	C	H		C	A	S	S	I	D	Y		A	N	D		T	H	E		B	D	A	N	C	E		K	I	D		H	O	T	
	F	U	D	G	E		R	D	A	E	S			M	I	S	I	I	V	E	R	S	E		T	G	A	M	I		P	O	L	A	R	I
Z	E	D		H	G	L	A	S	S	E	S			L	A	W	&	O	R	D	E	R	:	S	P	E	C	I	A	L		V	I	C	T	I
M	T	I	T		T	E	Q	U	I	L	A			S	R	I	S	E		D	O	U	B	L	E	P	L	U	P	G	O	O	D		A	K
	C	O	S	T	S		S	A	M	R	G			G	A	L	A	X	Y		A		M	O	N	T	H		O	F		K	D	A	Y	S

Reading the letters in the SUN spaces in left-to-right, top-to-bottom grid order spells the first answer, BRIGHT SPARK.

The illustration of the sundial depicts a shadow cast by the gnomon from the added sun in the grid. This demonstrates that each of the SUNs in the completed grid will cast a shadow from the gnomon exactly opposite from their position in the grid. The intro text states that when “the sun goes down ... the shadows lengthen.” Accordingly, the lower a sun appears in the grid, the further the reach of its shadow; e.g. a sun high up in the top row will cast a short shadow reaching only to the top row of letters on the sundial, whereas a sun in the lowest row of the grid will cast a long shadow extending to the bottom row of letters on the sundial.

For each letter indicated by a shadow, add the letter in the SUN casting that shadow, per the rubric given. Reading the resulting new letters left to right on the sundial spells out CLOCK[SPACE]RADIOS.