

5 Ring Circus

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The title of this puzzle; the gold, silver and bronze numbers; and the country flags all clue for the Olympics. We notice that the numbers are all years in which the Summer Olympics were held.

The key realization is that the answers to the previous puzzles correspond loosely with gold, silver, and bronze:

Puzzle	Solution	Medal
<i>A Friendly Puzzle</i>	AMALGAMATE	Silver
<i>So They Say?</i>	COPPER TRIGLYPH	Bronze
<i>Game of Thrones</i>	RARE METAL	Gold

We also notice that each country flag corresponds with both a year and a medal type. Taking the number of that type of medal won by that country in that year's Summer Olympics and indexing that into the corresponding puzzle solution gives the final answer: **CHALLENGE**.

Year	Country	Medal	Count	Extraction
1972	Iran	Bronze	1	C
1976	Japan	Bronze	10	H
1980	Romania	Silver	6	A
1984	Yugoslavia	Silver	4	L
1976	Japan	Gold	9	L
1992	North Korea	Gold	4	E
1996	Ukraine	Bronze	12	N
2000	Poland	Silver	5	G
2004	Greece	Gold	6	E