

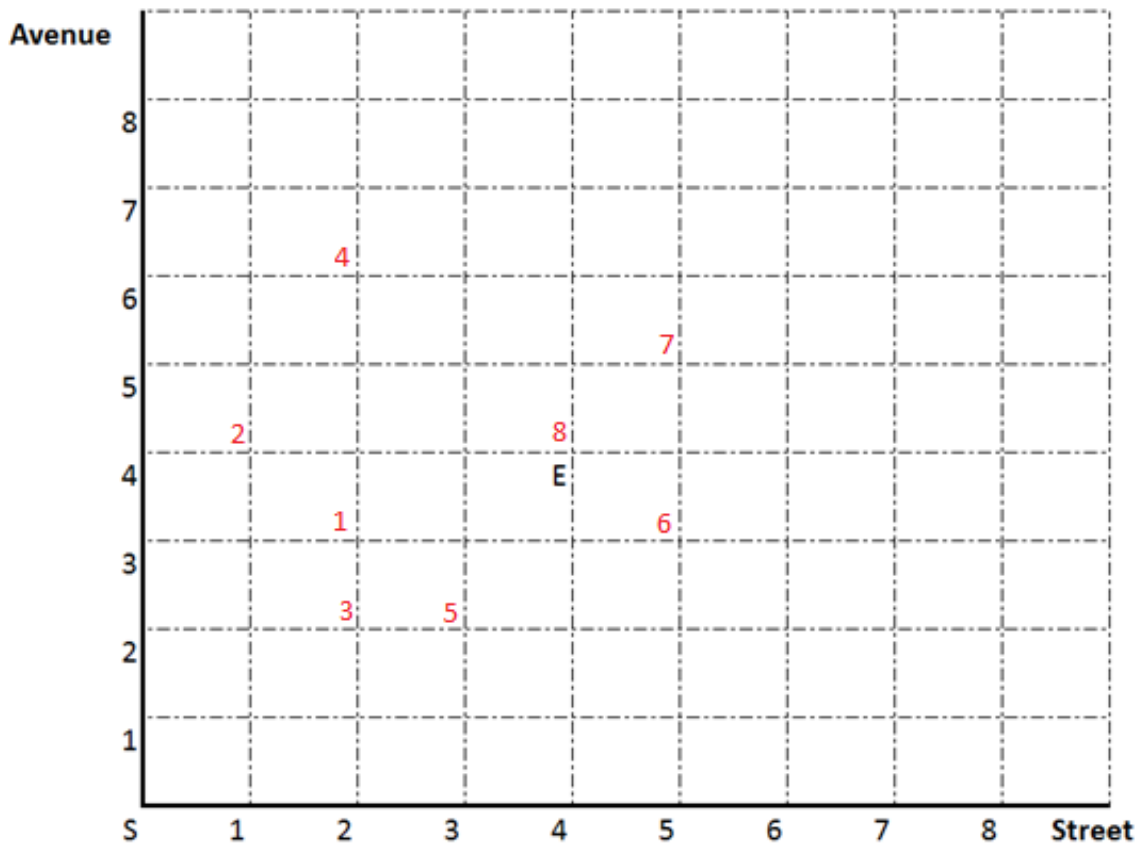
Reading in Two Ways

Oh no! You're running late to board game night, and to make matters worse you got lost on the way! Your friend was telling you the directions to their house, but you only had board games on your mind and wrote down this list instead. You somehow glean how to get there anyway. From time to time you stop, noting what street and avenue you're on. It seems like street names are mostly words whereas avenues are mostly letters. You finally arrive, and before you know it the first game is over. How do you figure out who won?

To get the directions, take the first letter of each word to get a cardinal direction. So for example line 1 becomes North North East North East. Perform this sequence of moves on the grid, and note where you end up at the end of each line of directions (these are marked on the grid below). This will take you from the start to the end. Then take the street number and avenue number of those locations, and use them to find that number word and that number letter in that line of directions. So line 1 that ends at 2nd street and 3rd avenue gives you the c in nicely.

1. Nemesis nicely employs new editions (2, 3)
2. Nobody wins Scythe naively (1, 4)
3. Everdale succeeds enormously with sales (2, 2)
4. Even winning NMBR Nine necessitates nuance (2, 6)
5. Even Splendor starts scuffles sometimes (3, 2)
6. Energetic eaters enjoy Werewords noisily (5, 3)
7. New Sagrada now seems nominally newer (5, 5)
8. Everyone wants noteworthy Wingspan showdowns streamed (4,4)

Put these together to get the answer: COUNTING.



KEY	
S:	Start
E:	End