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You Slayed The Dragon!

Difficulty: **Medium**

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To solve this you need mostly deduction and subtraction, but intuition about the language used to describe each attack helps.

You know that the fire breath must always be avoided because it does 20 damage and would have killed you. You can deduce that the dragon's tail does 5 damage because of the line that must go last ("needed to slay"). And you can guess that the "scratching" claw does only 2 damage and the "massive & crushing jaws" does 10 damage.

By subtraction, you can thus infer you need to use your healing potion on round 5 because you were at 1 hit point.

"initiative" is a clue to use the initiative column as a simple index into the meta answer to get "STEALTHIER" (of course the thief's advice!)

Round	Initiative	The Dragon's Attack	Your action	Your HP	Dragon's HP	Meta Answer	Indexed Letter
1	12	He began by scratching you with his left claw	You took 2 damage and hit him with your magical attack dealing 5 damage	18	45	Harry Potter's Wand	S
2	8	Then he followed it up with his right claw	You took 2 damage and hit him with your magical attack dealing 5 damage	16	40	Harry Potter's Wand	T
3	1	Rearing his immense head, he bit you with his massive jaws	You took 10 damage and returned the favor with 10 damage from your sword	6	30	Excalibur	E
4	3	Showing his full size, he turned around and batted you with his gargantuan tail	You took 5 damage and hid under your cloak to avoid his next attack	1	30	Cladding of the Fire Drake	A
5	1	Steam exuding from his mouth, he breathed deadly fire upon you	You avoided his attack and drank your only healing potion to restore you to full health	20	30	Lucy's Cordial	L
6	8	Annoyed, he clawed you again	You took 2 damage and hit him with your magical attack dealing 5 damage(*)	18	25	Harry Potter's Wand	T
7	1	And again with the other claw	You took 2 damage and hit him with your magical attack dealing 5 damage(*)	16	20	Harry Potter's Wand	H
8	6	Bearing those sharp teeth, he crushed you in his mighty jaws	You took 10 damage and hid under your cloak to avoid his next attack	6	20	Cladding of the Fire Drake	I
9	1	Then, while close, breathed his fire once more to try to finish you off	You avoided his attack and swung your sword dealing him 10 damage	6	10	Excalibur	E
10	9	With a defiant roar he battered you with his tail for the last time	You took 5 damage then your sword dealt the last 10 damage needed to slay the dragon!	1	0	Excalibur	R