

# DEVASTATOR (SOLUTION)

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The 5 given clues are vague, and therefore require the use of the feeder answers as confirmation of their intended clue answers. There are 5 feeder answers, which matches the number of clue answers, hinting a possible matching of these. Each of the feeder answers can be transformed into an answer for one of the clues by deleting its middle bigram. This is hinted by the clue in the flavortext that the Devastators had an “unstable atomic reactor core that could overload and self-destruct”, and that all the feeder answers have an even number of letters.

The table below summarizes the clue answers, matching feeder answers, and the deleted middle bigrams:

Clues	Clue answers	Matching feeder answers	Deleted middle bigrams
Laid down	PRO	PROFANED	FA
Individual sport	SKIING	SKILLING	LL
Peaceful protests	BED-INS	BEDOUINS	OU
Supports	SHORINGS	SHORTWINGS	TW
It’s outlawed for girls in schools	CANING	CANOEING	OE

The extracted middle bigrams in the given clue answer order gives the answer to this meta – **FALLOUT WOE**. The atomic meltdown from destroyed Devastators brings both a nuclear headache as well as waste to your world of Arrakis.

## Constructor’s notes:

The metas are based on the special units of each of the Houses, so in this case it is the Harkonnen Devastator. With there being 3 round metas, I also decided to use wordplay as their aha and solving step, to keep these metas relatively straightforward so that there is less risk of solvers being stuck at these milestone achievement points. The key theme of the Devastator tank is how its atomic core could overload and self-destruct. This idea is used as the wordplay in this meta through the bigram deletion of the heart of the word.