

Gopher the Gold

THE STORY

Ellen, Elsie, Eddie, Ernie and Elwood all had pet gophers named Winky, Blinky, Pinky, Minky and Moe. The gophers were entered into the annual Best Gopher of the Year Show. For the contest, the gophers wore little collars of different colors around their necks. The collar colors were blue, green, pink, red and purple. For the talent portion of the contest, the gophers sang, danced, juggled, yodeled and played the piano. The gophers finished in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places. Based on the clues, match the gopher owners with the names of their gophers, the colors of their collars, the gopher talents and their order of finish.

THE CLUES

1. Pinky did not belong to Ellen, Elsie or Eddie, and he finished in front of the gophers in the green and pink collars but behind the singing and piano-playing gophers.
2. Ernie's gopher did not finish in 3rd place, he was not Winky or Blinky, and Moe in the red collar was the only gopher that scored higher than him.
3. Eddie's gopher finished in front of Minky, and Moe did not sing.
4. Elwood's gopher did not wear a blue collar, and he did not juggle or yodel.
5. Winky, the juggling gopher in the pink collar, finished in 5th place.
6. Ellen's gopher did not finish last.

	Ellen	Elsie	Eddie	Ernie	Elwood
Winky					
Blinky					
Pinky					
Minky					
Moe					
Blue collar					
Green collar					
Pink collar					
Red collar					
Purple collar					
Sing					
Dance					
Juggle					
Yodel					
Play piano					
1st place					
2nd place					
3rd place					
4th place					
5th place					

THE STORY

Alice, Arthur, Arlene, Anthony and Aston were all teachers at the McTavish School. They taught 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade. At the annual school picnic, their classes won first place in five different contests. These contests were basketball dribbling, frog jumping, pie eating, hopscotch and beanbag toss. Each class consumed a different total number of hot dogs. The hot dog totals were 20 hot dogs, 25 hot dogs, 40 hot dogs, 43 hot dogs and 50 hot dogs. The day went well, but one child from each class had an unfortunate incident. The incidents were a bee sting, a nosebleed, sunburn, broken glasses and a fall into the pond. Based on the clues, match the teachers with the grades they taught, the contests their classes won, the hot dog totals and the unfortunate incidents.

THE CLUES

1. Arlene's grade was higher than all the others and Alice's grade was lower than all the others, Aston's grade was higher than Arthur's grade, and Anthony's grade was higher than Aston's grade.
2. The three highest grades won the basketball dribbling, frog jumping and pie eating contests, but probably not in that order.
3. Arlene guessed the reason her students ate the fewest hot dogs was because they were probably tired from the basketball dribbling contest they won.
4. The 4th graders ate twice as many hot dogs as the 8th graders, and the 5th graders ate half as many hot dogs as the 6th graders who won the pie-eating contest.
5. Alice was not surprised at the contest her students won because she noticed that they all were naturals with a beanbag.
6. A 5th grader had a nosebleed, a 4th grader was sunburned, Anthony's favorite student nearly drowned, and no 6th grader wore glasses.

	Alice	Arthur	Arlene	Anthony	Aston
4th grade					
5th grade					
6th grade					
7th grade					
8th grade					
Basketball dribbling					
Frog jumping					
Pie eating					
Hopscotch					
Beanbag toss					
20 hot dogs					
25 hot dogs					
40 hot dogs					
43 hot dogs					
50 hot dogs					
Bee sting					
Nosebleed					
Sunburn					
Broken glasses					
Fall in pond					