

Great Golf

You need a classmate

Activity

In golf, a hole is the distance from the tee (the starting point) to a hole (a sunken cup) marked by a flag. Par 3 holes are the shortest holes, and par 5 holes are the longest. The par number for each hole shows how many shots a first class golfer should normally take to get the ball into the hole.

- The 18 holes at the Pitfall Golf Course add up to a course par of 72. Adam and Susan decide to try and get a par on each hole. The first hole is a par 3, so they each need to get the ball into the hole in three shots.

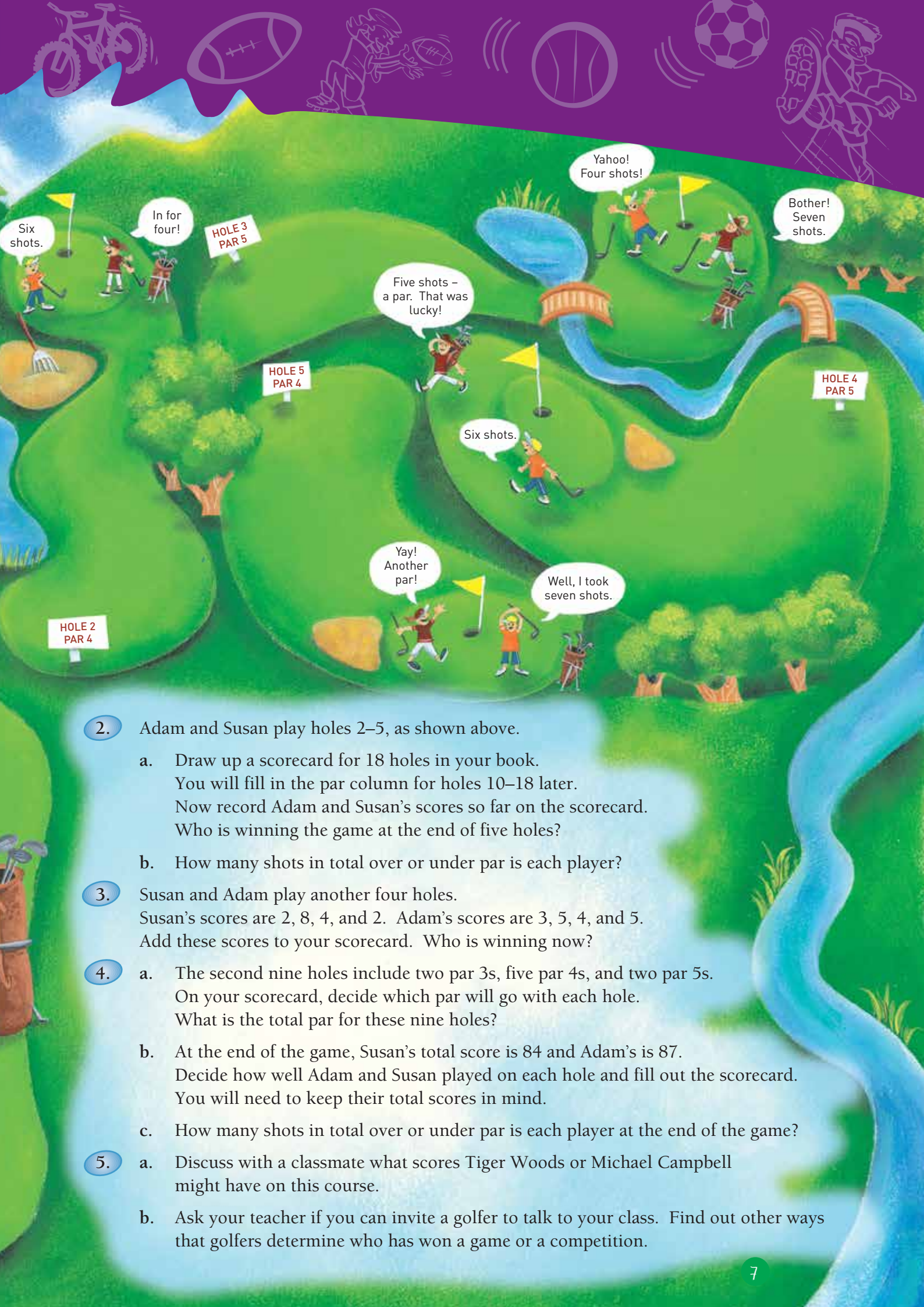
Susan is disappointed with her five shots. That's two over par!

Adam's first shot lands on the green, and his second goes in the hole. He's one under par!

The scorecard shows:

Hole	Par	ADAM		SUSAN	
		Shots	Par Score	Shots	Par Score
1	3	2	-1	5	+2
2	4				
3	5				
4	5				
5	4				
6	3				
7	5				
8	4				
9	3				
SUB TOTAL	36				

- What do you think -1 and +2 mean in a game of golf?
- What could you use to show a score that equalled the par for the hole?



2. Adam and Susan play holes 2–5, as shown above.
 - a. Draw up a scorecard for 18 holes in your book. You will fill in the par column for holes 10–18 later. Now record Adam and Susan’s scores so far on the scorecard. Who is winning the game at the end of five holes?
 - b. How many shots in total over or under par is each player?
3. Susan and Adam play another four holes. Susan’s scores are 2, 8, 4, and 2. Adam’s scores are 3, 5, 4, and 5. Add these scores to your scorecard. Who is winning now?
4.
 - a. The second nine holes include two par 3s, five par 4s, and two par 5s. On your scorecard, decide which par will go with each hole. What is the total par for these nine holes?
 - b. At the end of the game, Susan’s total score is 84 and Adam’s is 87. Decide how well Adam and Susan played on each hole and fill out the scorecard. You will need to keep their total scores in mind.
 - c. How many shots in total over or under par is each player at the end of the game?
5.
 - a. Discuss with a classmate what scores Tiger Woods or Michael Campbell might have on this course.
 - b. Ask your teacher if you can invite a golfer to talk to your class. Find out other ways that golfers determine who has won a game or a competition.