

Numerals and expressions: A canine number story



One day, three dogs set out across the farm on an adventure. Two of the dogs were white and the other was grey. It had been raining and the ground was very muddy. First they came to a farm gate that was shut. The gate was made with five cross bars and there was not enough space for the three dogs to squeeze in between the bars. They nuzzled the bottom of gate, then wriggled their bodies underneath. One wriggle, two wriggles, three wriggles. They were through! They barked and raced away.

Next they came to a stream in which there were four big flat stones. Hip, hop hip hop, bounce. Hip, hop, hip, hop, bounce. Hip, hop, hip, hop, bounce. Three dogs crossed the stream, staying dry, and then each one scrambled up the very muddy bank. They barked and raced away. Oh no! There were three munching cows right in their path. What should they do? Three times they nuzzled and darted between four muddy cow's legs. They were safely past the cows. They barked again and raced away.

Five more minutes passed. They had come a long way but now they were feeling hungry. Three dogs sniffed the grass. It didn't smell good enough to eat. Two dogs sniffed a tree. It didn't smell good enough to eat. One dog sniffed the mud. It didn't smell good enough to eat. They all turned round, barked and raced away home. Three dogs had finished their adventure. Two of the dogs weren't white and the other wasn't grey. Three were brown.



Numerals recorded.

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