

# Upside-down calculator story: GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Instructions:** Use the blue and green clues to fill in the blanks on page 2.

It was the final of the  $8^3 + 106$  golf tournament.  $\frac{202 \times 4096}{16 \times 64}$  was in second place with only one  $7^4 + 434 \times 3 + 1$  to go.  $192\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{2}{3}$  bitter rival  $\sin(30) + 0.201$  had already finished, and had  $5^5 + 580$  possession of first place. The final  $13719616^{0.5}$  was a par 3. A  $170683\frac{1}{5} \div 5\frac{2}{5}$  would mean that  $\sqrt{0.040401} + \frac{1}{2}$  was champion; a birdie would see  $9^2 - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}}$  win. On the tee  $7! \times \frac{1}{8} + 178$ 's  $7! + (9^3 - 132)$  were shaking like jelly and the club felt as slippery as an  $\frac{38^2}{2} + 11$ . "Here  $\sqrt{281536.36}$  nothing",  $(10^2 + 1) \times 8$  thought to himself, before striking the ball  $\sqrt[3]{15625} \times 923 - 1$  and straight onto the green – a great shot!

This year had been one  $8^2 - 3 + \frac{2}{\frac{5}{\frac{1}{2}}}$  for  $\frac{\cos(45) \times 12150}{\sqrt{2}}$  for  $\frac{16 \times 101}{9^2} \times 40\frac{1}{2}$ .  $2 \times e^0 \times 17$  hated to  $5555 + (-2)^{11}$ , but this year the feeling had become familiar;  $405\frac{3}{4} + 402\frac{1}{4}$  had more  $2142028 \times 25\%$  to  $\left(\frac{1000}{701}\right)^{-1}$  than he could remember. Today was  $\frac{20200 \times 4}{10^2}$ 's final chance to  $\frac{7 \times 2267}{2^2 \times 5^3}$  the critics and feel the  $31610\frac{4}{5} + 23567\frac{1}{5}$  of victory. On reaching the green  $8 + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{2}{100}$  tried not to notice the  $3^6 \times 4 + (300 - 1)$  of the crowd watching on. He could  $\tan(45) + 2 \times 167$  that the ball was around 10 feet from the  $463 \times 2 \div \frac{1}{4}$ , up a slight  $6^5 - 5^4 + 4^3 - 3^2 + 2^1 - 1^0 + 507$ . " $1032658225^{0.5}$  the day",  $\sqrt{2^6 \times 101^2}$  thought, before putting the ball straight – and into the middle of the  $7! - 167 \times 2^3$ ! Victory at last –  $\frac{4 \times 211}{5^2}$  for  $404 \times 20\%$ , and at last a dent to  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - 0.008599}$ 's  $\frac{3^2 \times 7}{4 \times 25}$ !

**Key:** 1 = I, 2 = Z, 3 = E, 4 = H, 5 = S,  
6 = G, 7 = L, 8 = B, 9 = b, 0 = O.  
Ignore decimal points in your  
answers.

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This year had been one \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ hated to \_\_\_\_\_, but this year the feeling had become familiar; \_\_\_\_\_ had more \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ than he could remember. Today was \_\_\_\_\_'s final chance to \_\_\_\_\_ the critics and feel the \_\_\_\_\_ of victory. On reaching the green \_\_\_\_\_ tried not to notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crowd watching on. He could \_\_\_\_\_ that the ball was around 10 feet from the \_\_\_\_\_, up a slight \_\_\_\_\_. "\_\_\_\_\_ the day", \_\_\_\_\_ thought, before putting the ball straight – and into the middle of the \_\_\_\_\_! Victory at last – \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, and at last a dent to \_\_\_\_\_'s \_\_\_\_\_!

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**Extension:** Create your own calculator story.

Use some of the following words to write a story, before creating number clues for the words.

<b>B = 8</b>	<b>E = 3</b>	<b>G = 6</b>	<b>H = 4</b>	<b>I = 1</b>	<b>L = 7</b>	<b>O = 0</b>	<b>S = 5</b>	<b>Z = 2</b>
Bee	Ebb	Gee	He	Igloo	Lee	Obese	See	Zoo
Beg	Eel	Geese	Heel	Ill	Leg	Oblige	Seize	
Beige	Egg	Gel	Hell	Illegible	Less	Oboe	Sell	
Belie	Eggshell	Geologies	Hello	Iolo	Libel	Obsess	She	
Bell	Ego	Gibe	High	Isle	Lie	Oil	Shell	
Bib	Eligible	Giggle	Hill		Lilies	Ooze	Shill	
Bible	Ellie	Gigolo	Hillbillies		Liz		Shoe	
Big	Else	Gig	His		Lob		Siege	
Bile		Gills	Hiss		Lobe		Sigh	
Bill		Glee	Hobbies		Log		Silo	
Billie		Glib	Hobble		Logo		Size	
Bless		Globe	Hobo		Lois		Sizzle	
Bliss		Gloss	Hog		Loose		Sleigh	
Blob		Gob	Hole		Lose		Slob	
Blog		Gobble	Hose		Loss		Slog	
Bob		Goes			Losses		Sob	
Bobble		Google					Soil	
Bog		Googol					Sole	
Bogie		Goose					Solo	
Boil		Goes						
Boo								
Boohoo								
Bosh								
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## Answer

It was the final of the **BIG** golf tournament. **BOB** was in second place with only one **HOLE** to go. **HIS** bitter rival **IOLO** had already finished, and had **SOLE** possession of first place. The final **HOLE** was a par 3. A **BOGIE** would mean that **IOLO** was champion; a birdie would see **BOB** win. On the tee **BOB**'s **LEGS** were shaking like jelly and the club felt as slippery as an **EEL**. "Here **GOES** nothing", **BOB** thought to himself, before striking the ball **HIGH** and straight onto the green – a great shot!

This year had been one **BIG SLOG** for **BOB**. **HE** hated to **LOSE**, but this year the feeling had become familiar; **BOB** had more **LOSSES** to **IOLO** than he could remember.

Today was **BOB**'s final chance to **BELIE** the critics and feel the **BLISS** of victory. On reaching the green **BOB** tried not to notice the **SIZE** of the crowd watching on. He could **SEE** that the ball was around 10 feet from the **HOLE**, up a slight **HILL**. "**SEIZE** the day", **BOB** thought, before putting the ball straight – and into the middle of the **HOLE**! Victory at last – **GLEE** for **BOB**, and at last a dent to **IOLO**'s **EGO**!