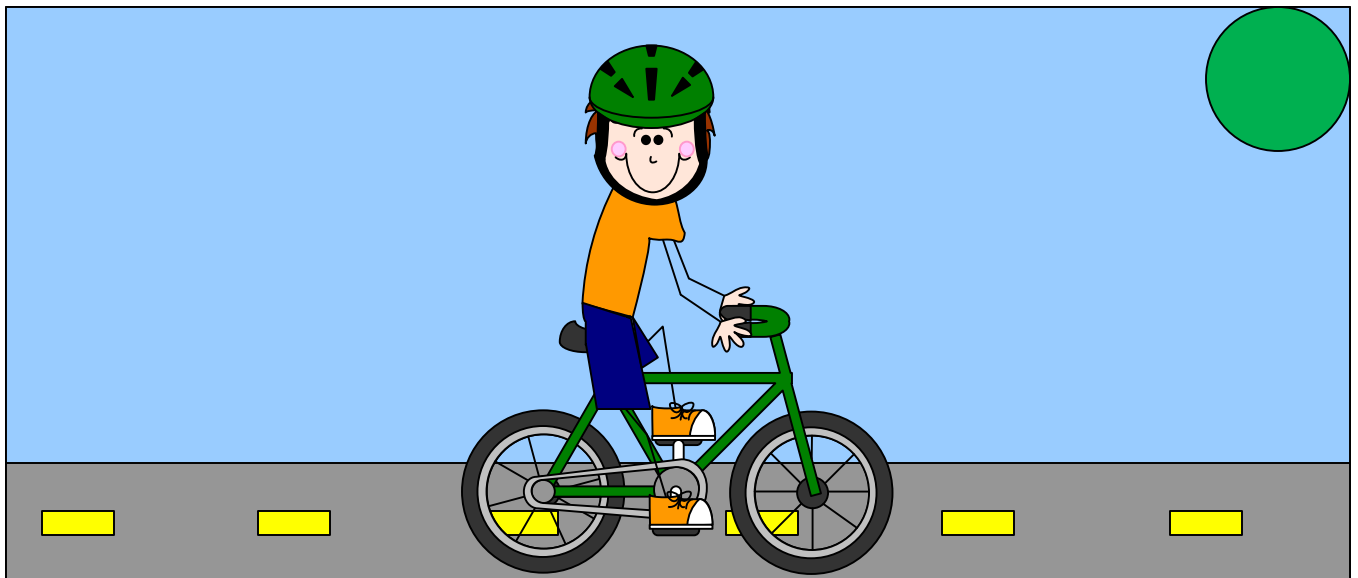


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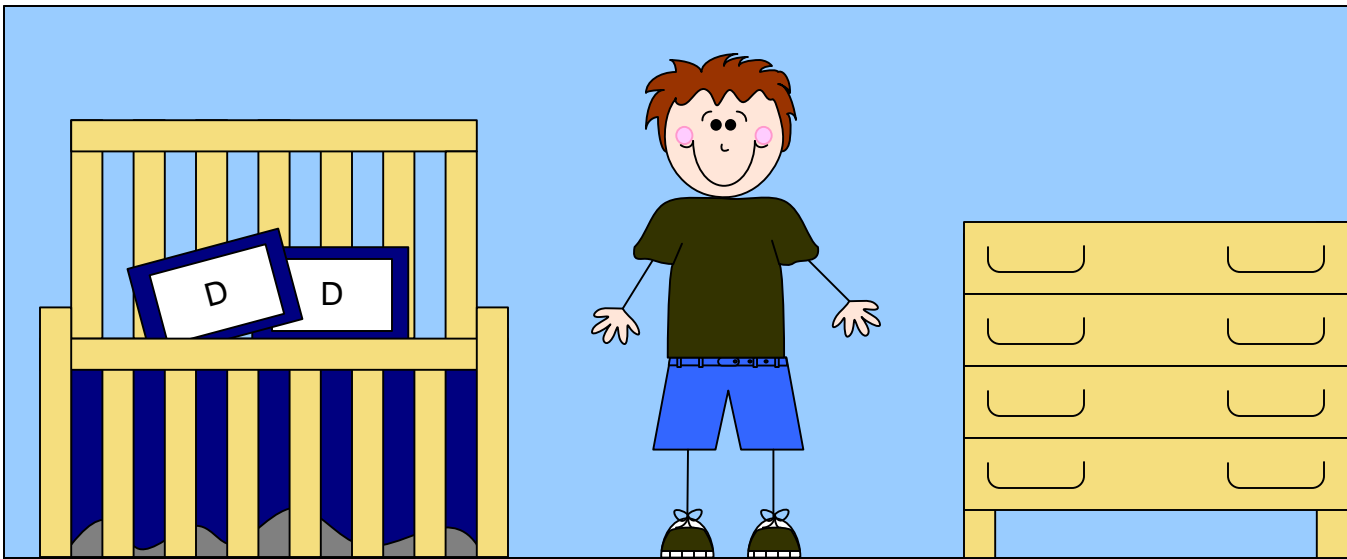
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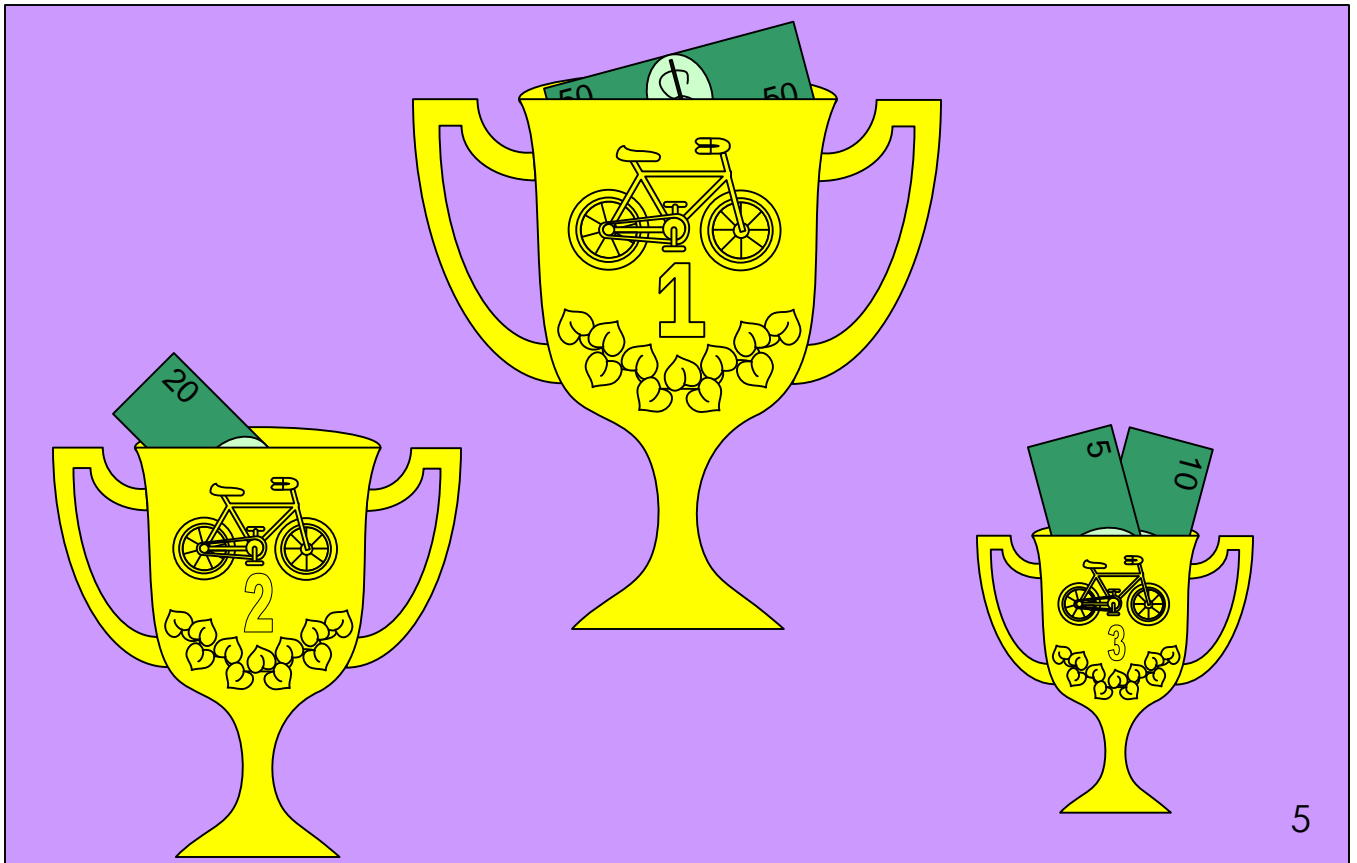


Last Sunday I was in a bike race. Do you know what a bike race is? It is when a lot of people get their bikes and ride them to see who can ride them the fastest.

A lot of races cost money to be in. The race on Sunday cost nine dollars to be in. There is a place where the race starts. Then you stay on the track and ride as fast as you can until you get to the finish line. My goal last Sunday was to finish in 1st place.



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The 1st place bike rider got a prize. They got \$50 and a trophy. That is a very nice prize. The 2nd place

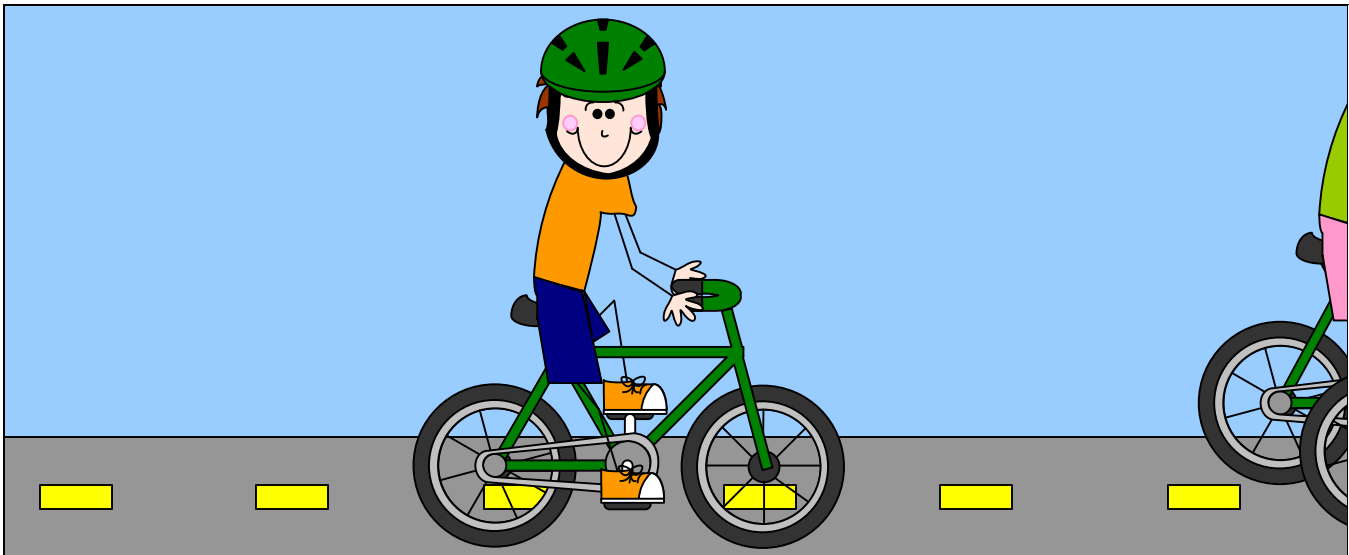


bike rider also got a prize. They got \$20 and little

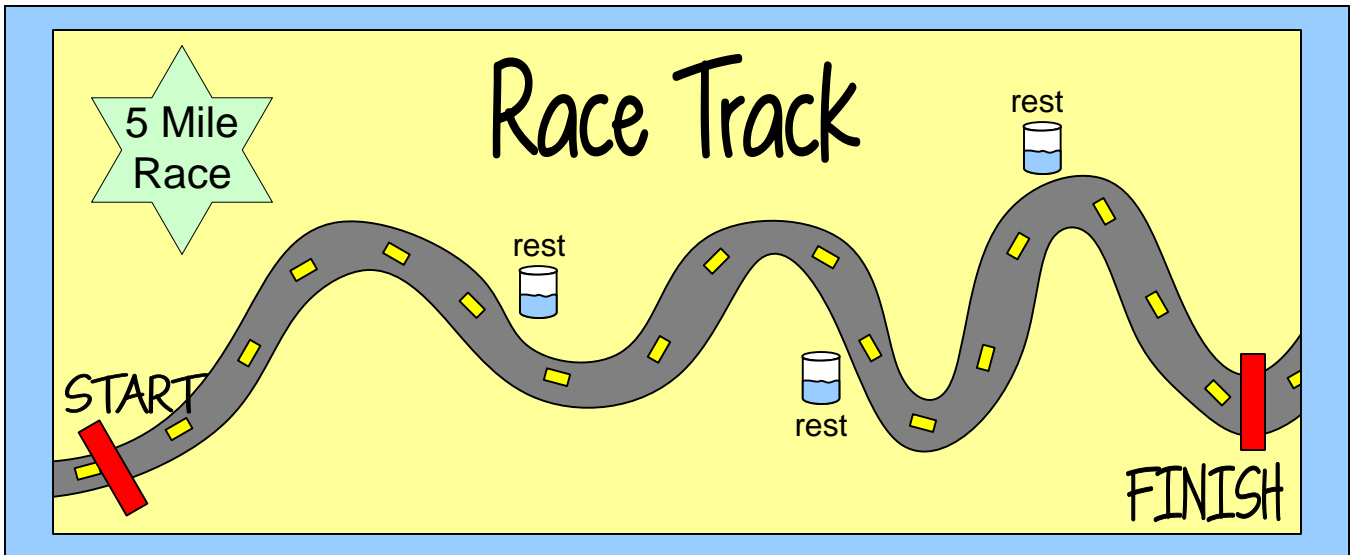
trophy. The 3rd place bike rider got \$15 and a little



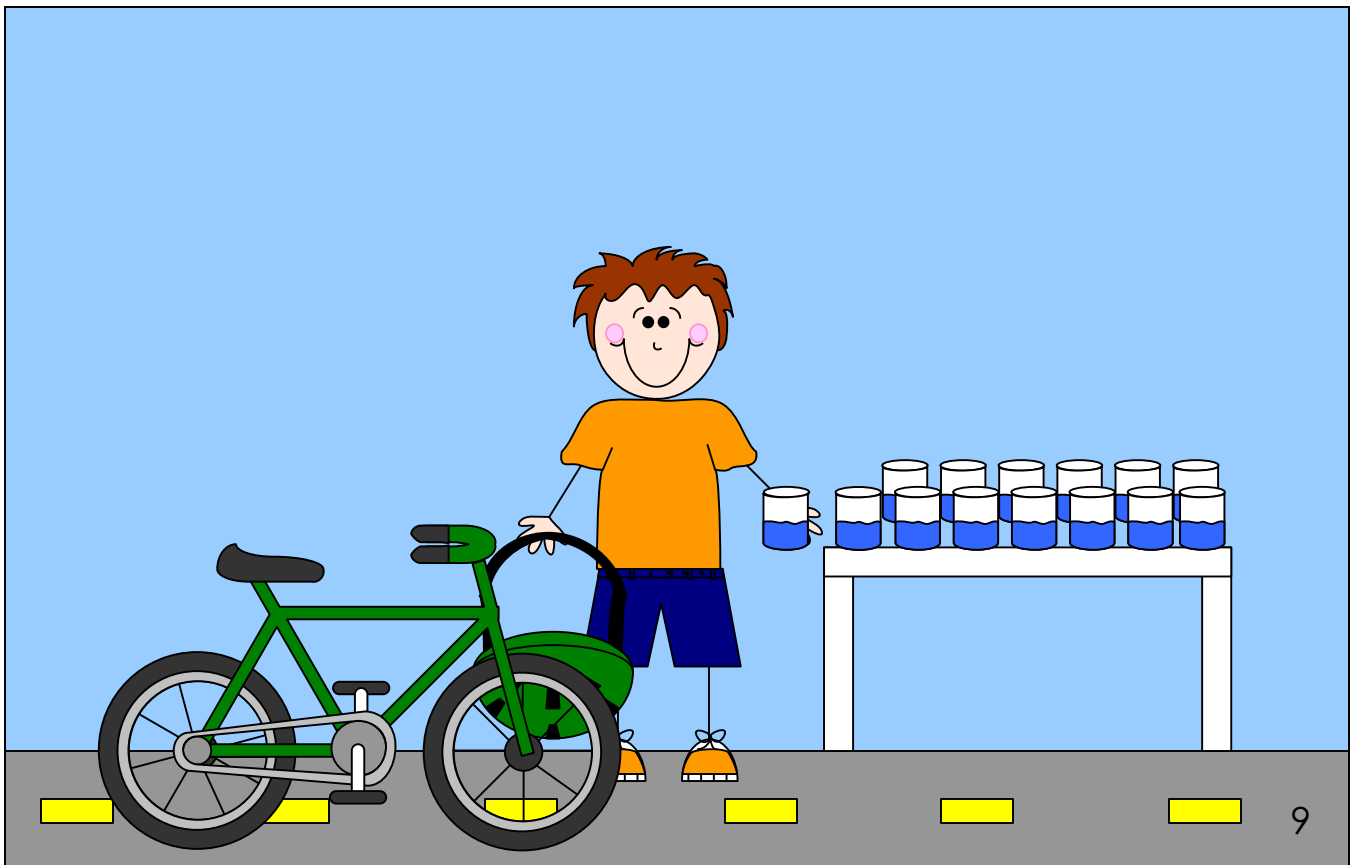
trophy for the prize. No other bike riders got prizes.



I started the race and rode my bike very fast. I felt very good and strong at the start of the race. I was not in 1st place, but I was doing my best.



The race was very long. It was five miles long. That is a long way. I stayed on the track and rode as fast as I could.



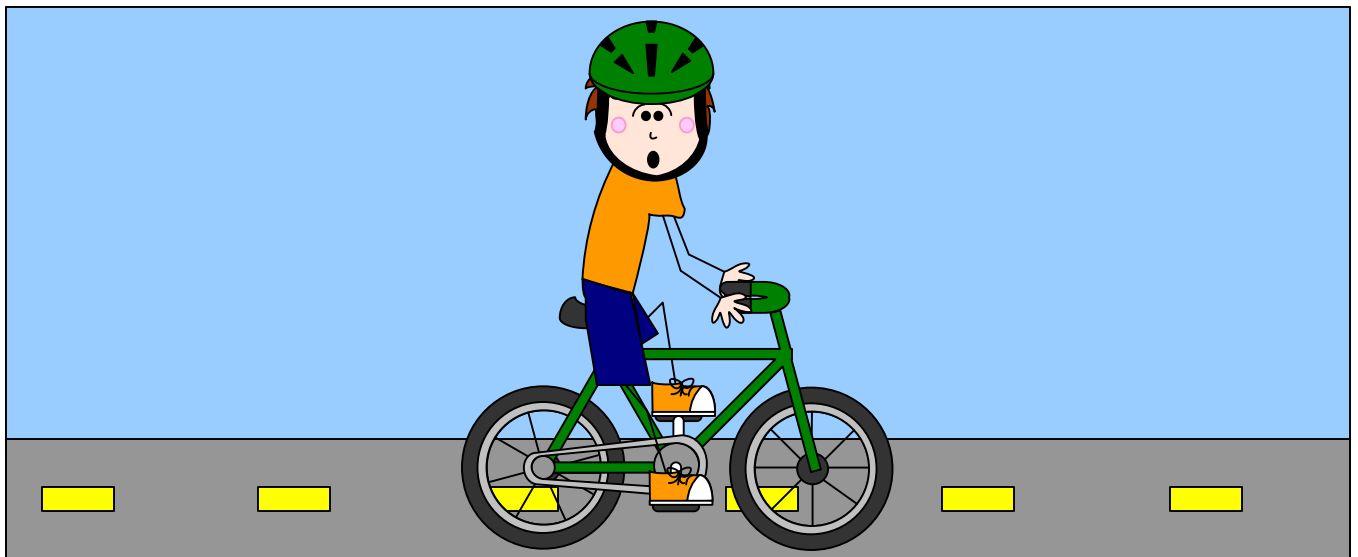
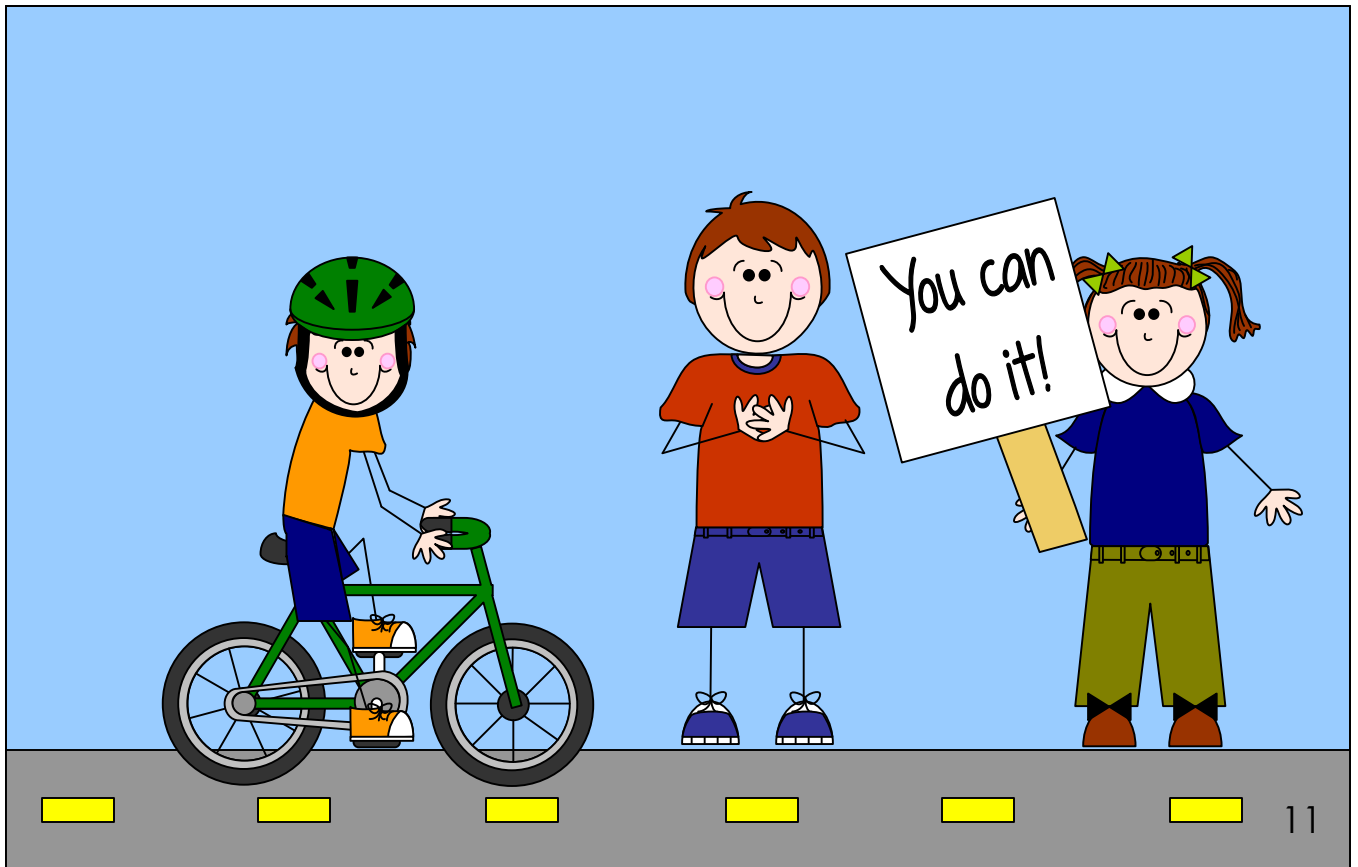
I needed to rest so I stopped at a rest spot for just a little bit. Some people at the rest stop gave me some water.



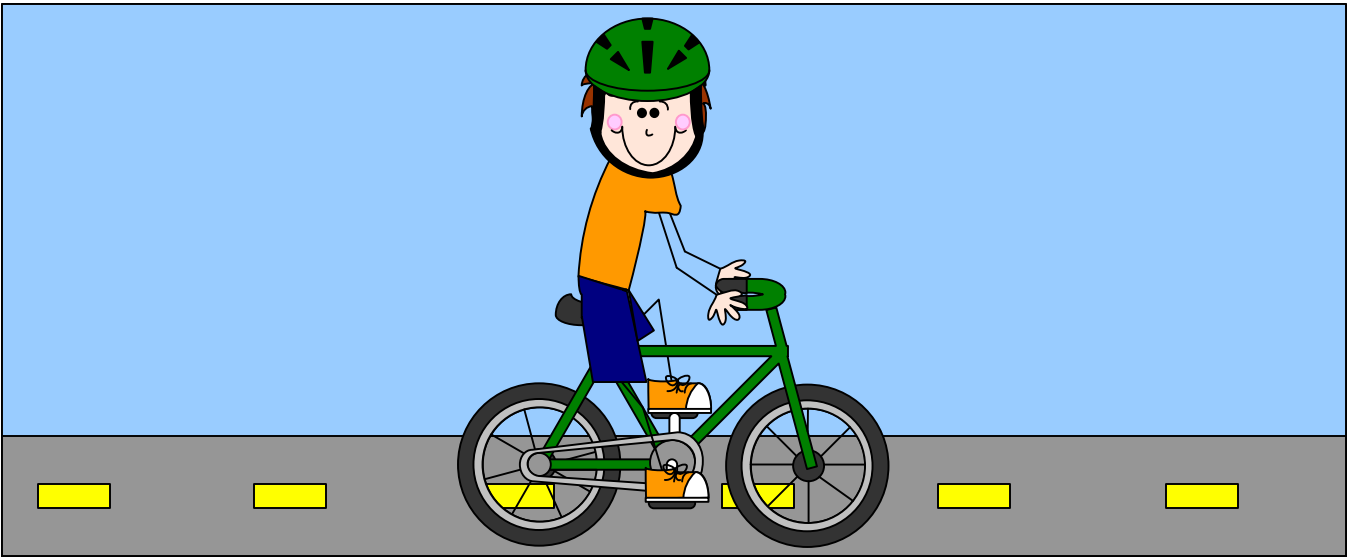
I took a little rest and then got back in the race. I felt good and strong again. My feet were going very fast.

At one place there were a lot of people standing on the side of the road. The people clapped for me when I rode past them. They yelled, "You can do it!" and "Keep going! You are almost there!" I liked to hear them. It made me feel good and I rode my bike faster.



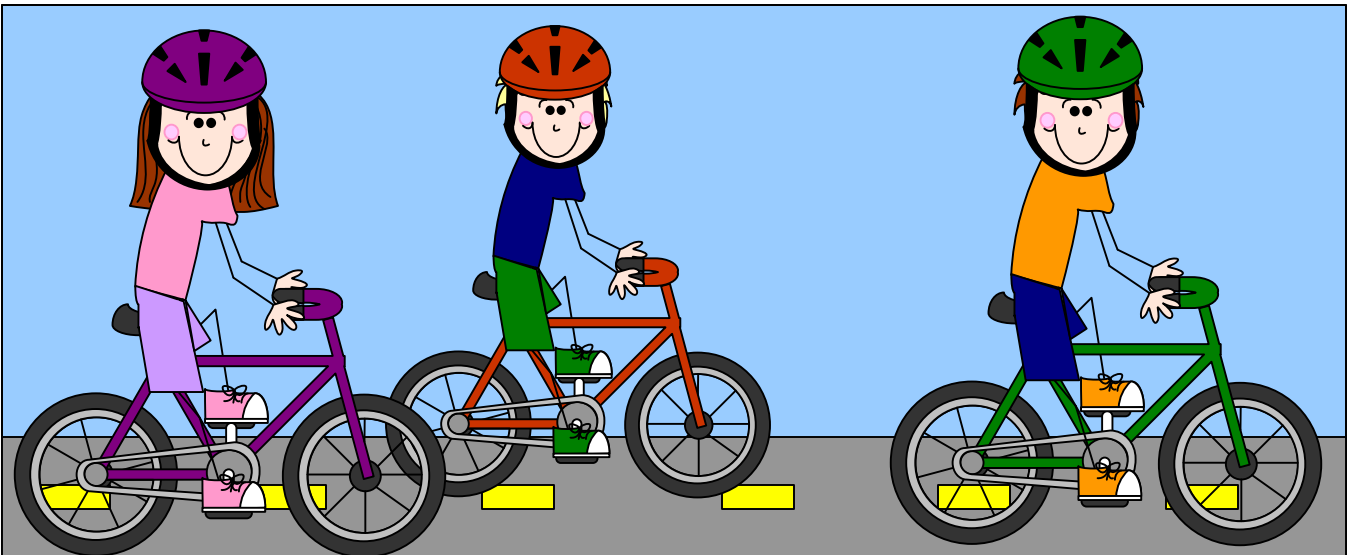


My legs started to get tired. My legs needed to rest. I did not have time to take a rest. I had to keep riding. I had to stop thinking about my legs. I had to think of my goal to be the 1st one at the finish line.



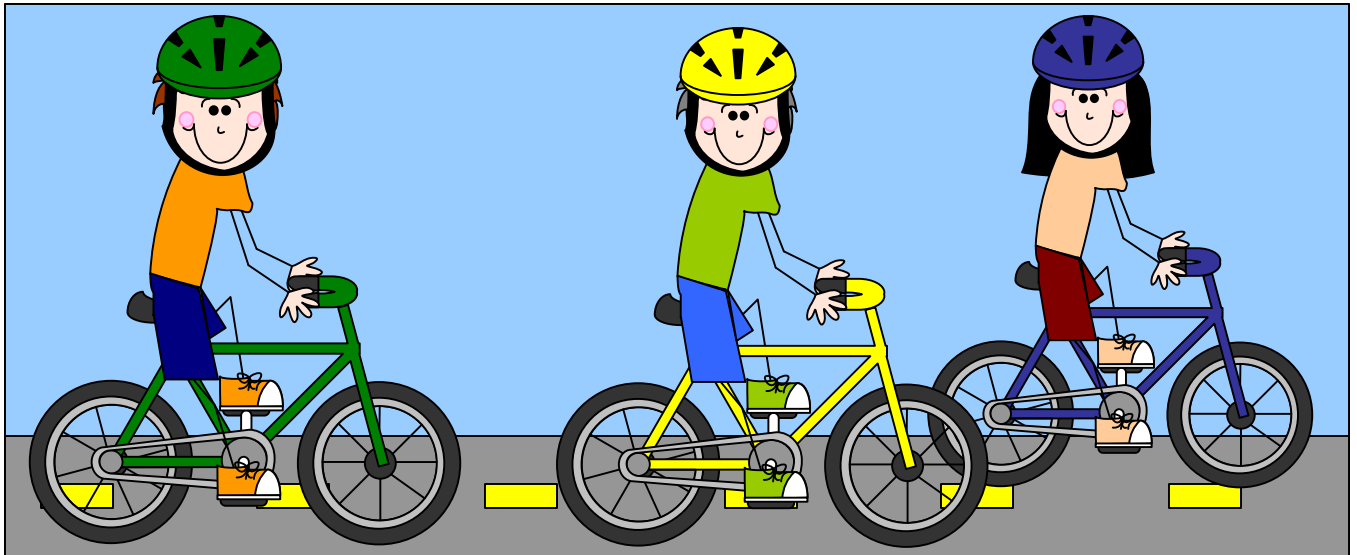
I knew I could win 1st place. I knew I could get to the finish line before the other people in the race. I had to do my best. I had to ride as fast as I could.

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I passed a lot of bikers. I was riding my bike very fast! The other people could not keep up with me.

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I could see the finish line! I was near the end of the race! I needed to pass two people and then I would be in 1st place! I rode my bike as fast and hard as I could! I rode fast, fast, fast!

New Words

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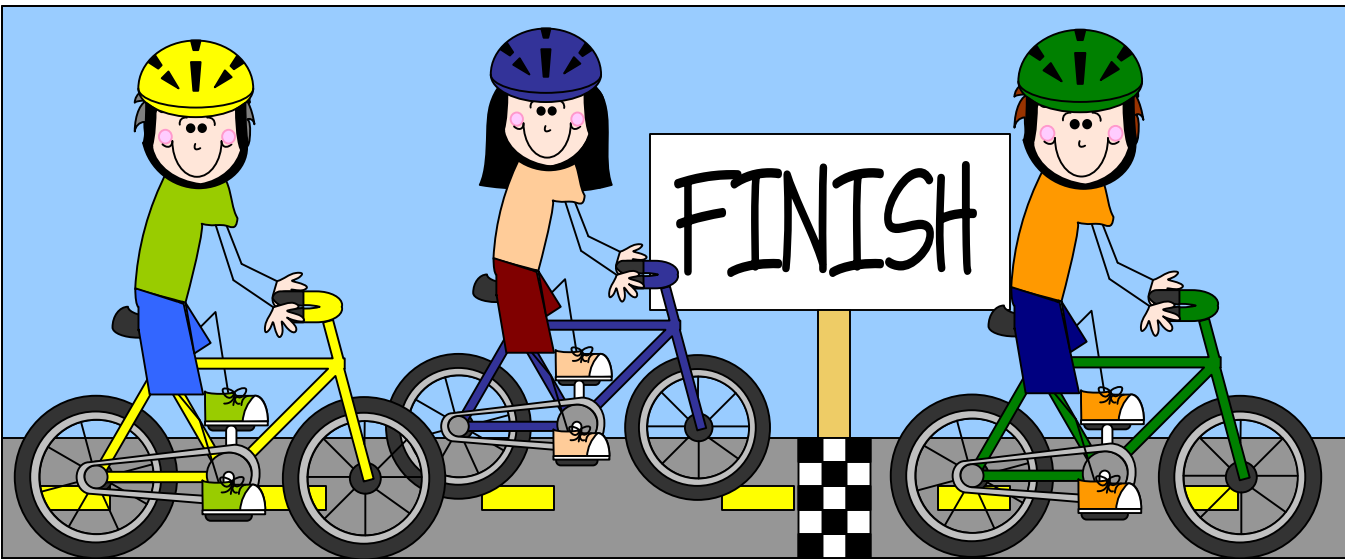


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water





I rode through the finish line just in time! I passed the other two bike riders! I was in 1st place! The prize was mine! It was such a good day. I like to race on my bike. I am a good bike rider and I want to be in a bike race again.