

# The Champion Cheated !

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## Announcement: Climbing Race

The 15-Floor Run Up Challenge is coming! The champion will win a 16-speed bicycle. We've also prepared many gifts for the contestants. We welcome anyone from the community to participate.

Sincerely,  
Kerning Homeowners Association



Ali looked at the announcement. He shouted happily, “Yes! The prize is a bicycle! I want to win that race!”

Meow the cat said, “I’ll just stay home and cheer for you. Meow. Fuzzy the dog can be in the race with you. Meow.”

In order to win the bicycle, Ali practiced really hard.

“Fuzzy, let’s go running.”

“Fuzzy, let’s play fetch.”

“Fuzzy, let’s race and see who runs faster!”





Ali practiced every chance he got, even when he was at home. “Fuzzy, we shouldn’t take the elevator. Let’s use the stairs to save electricity and get healthier.”

Ali lived on the 10th floor. Fuzzy looked up at the endless stairs that went up, up, up! The dog groaned.

After training for a long time, Ali was faster and stronger.

Meow said, “Ali, You will definitely win the championship tomorrow.”





All 20 runners gathered together on the day of the 15-Floor Run Up Challenge. The 20 contestants from the community included Uncle Huang, Uncle Chiang, Mr. Tsai, and Mrs. Chen... Everyone looked confident. They were ready to run.

Ali warmed up and told Fuzzy and Meow, “Go wait at the finish line for me. You can take the winning photo of me.”

All the runners raced to the stairs as the whistle blew.

Ali ran as fast as he could, quickly leading the pack behind him.



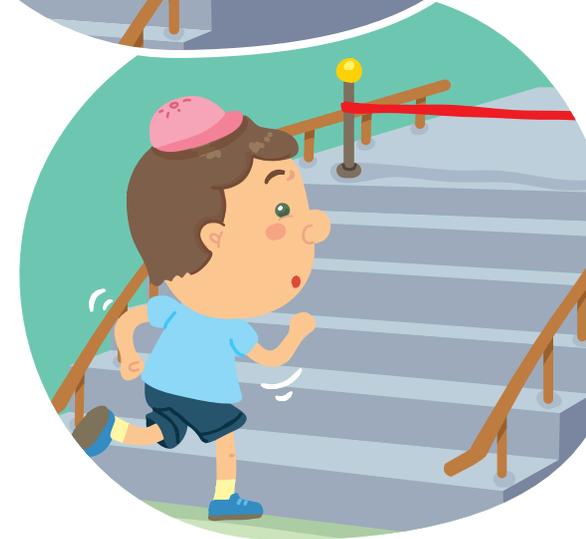
Fuzzy and Meow waited at the finish line. They talked about where they could go after Ali won the new bicycle.

“Thud! Thud! Thud!”

They heard footsteps coming up the stairs. It must be Ali! Meow pointed her camera at the finish line, while Fuzzy got ready to pounce on Ali to celebrate the winning moment. However, the champion they saw was not Ali, it was Wade!

Ali got second place in the race. He felt disappointed.

Fuzzy encouraged him, “You are still number one to us. Woof!”



After the race, Ali, Meow, and Fuzzy went to Wade. They took a picture with Wade and said, “Congratulations, Wade!”

Then Meow spotted something very strange. All the runners were very sweaty, except for the champion. Wade didn’t look tired at all! The champion was taking photos with many different people.

The more Meow thought about it, the more she felt that something wasn’t right.

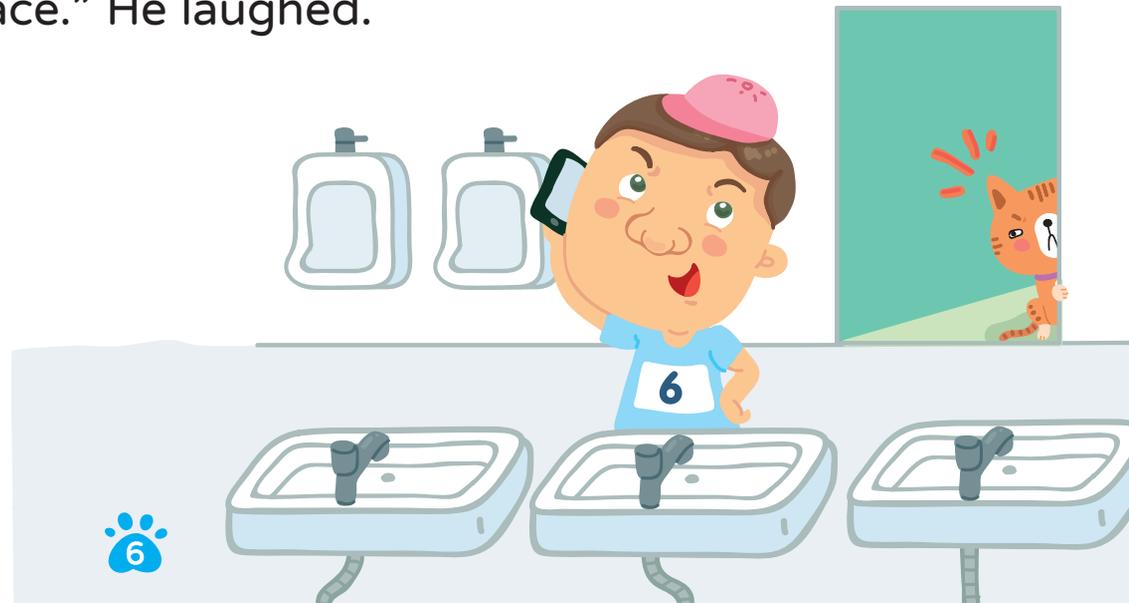




“My, oh my. The race is finally over. I gotta go get changed out of my race outfit.” Wade the champion waved goodbye.

Meow quietly followed him to the changing room.

Wade the champion was talking to his wife on the phone. “Honey, I am the 15-Floor Run Up champion. I got that 16-speed bicycle! I was smart, wasn’t I! See, I told you. You need to use your brain muscles, not your leg muscles, to win this kind of race.” He laughed.



“What does he mean by he used his brain muscles to win the race?”  
Meow was confused. She rushed back to Ali.

Meow told Ali everything she overheard. Ali said, “Wade started off earlier than me. But I went all-out, and then raced past him about halfway up…”

Fuzzy asked, “But how did Wade end up in front of you on the 12th floor?”

Ali said to himself, “He had to be way ahead of me… otherwise, it’s not possible for him to win…”





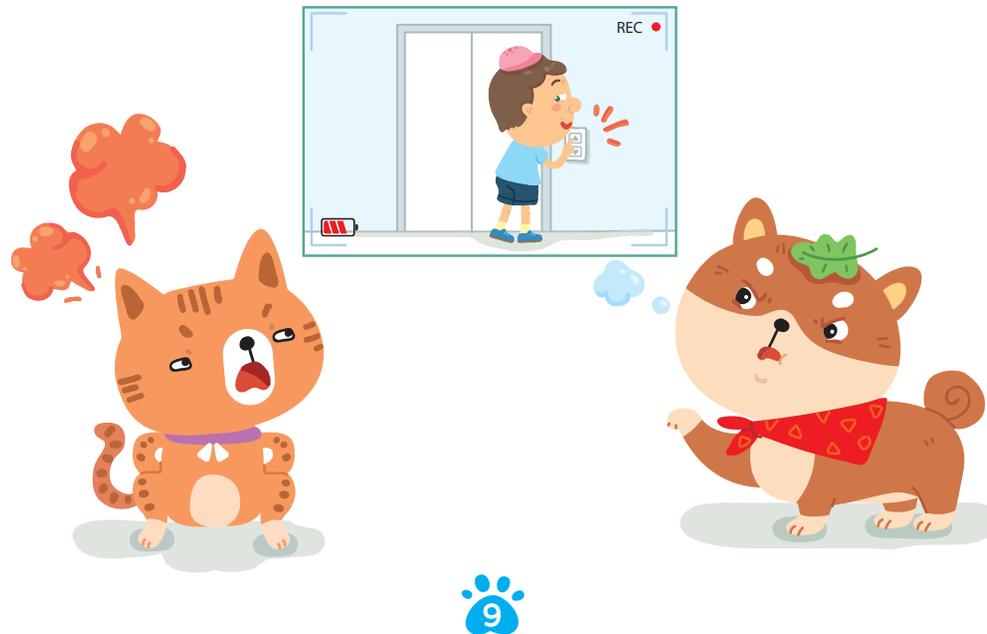
“Wait a minute, no. I remember I saw Wade leaving the stairwell halfway up as I passed him…” Ali told Meow and Fuzzy. “Wade looked nervous, and he said, ‘I just need to take a water break. You go ahead, I will catch up.’ I was too tired to speak to Wade and wanted to keep going up.”

“I smell something fishy!” said Meow.

Meow asked the organizer to check the video clips from the security cameras.

They carefully checked all the video clips. It turned out that Wade didn't leave the stairwell to take a water break. He secretly took the elevator all the way up while no one was watching.

“That was cheating!” Meow was very upset.



Wade felt deeply ashamed after he got caught. He covered his head with his towel and ran back home to hide.

“Wade cheated, so he is disqualified. We are pleased to announce the real champion for this year’s 15-Floor Run Up challenge, Ali! Congratulations, Ali! You won yourself a 16-speed bicycle!”

Ali, Meow, and Fuzzy took photos with the trophy and the bicycle. They knew a perfect place to celebrate together!





# I'm a Little Detective!



Which picture shows you Wade sneaking away to use the elevator? Please put a check in the box.

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Answer: 3

Meow overheard Wade talking on the phone. Wade said, "You need to use your brain muscles to win this kind of race." What do you think he meant? Please put a check in the box.

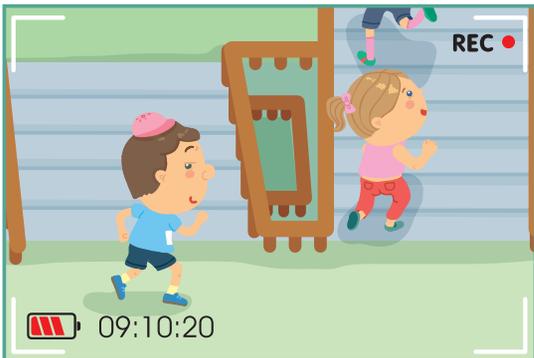
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## Think About It!



- 1 In this story, what is the best way to win?
  - A. practice hard like Ali
  - B. buy a professional running suit like Mr. Tsai
  - C. find a way to cheat like Wade
  
- 2 Ali, Meow, and Fuzzy reported Wade to the officials. What example did they show?
  - A. courage
  - B. honesty
  - C. integrity
  
- 3 If you caught someone cheating, what would you do?
  - Have you ever caught someone cheating?  
Yes / No
  - Will you report the person?  
Yes, I will. (Explain why.)  
No, I won't. (Explain why.)  
Or maybe I can...