

Curious George®

Plays Mini Golf

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George and Steve were good friends.

They liked to play games.

Steve always had the high score.

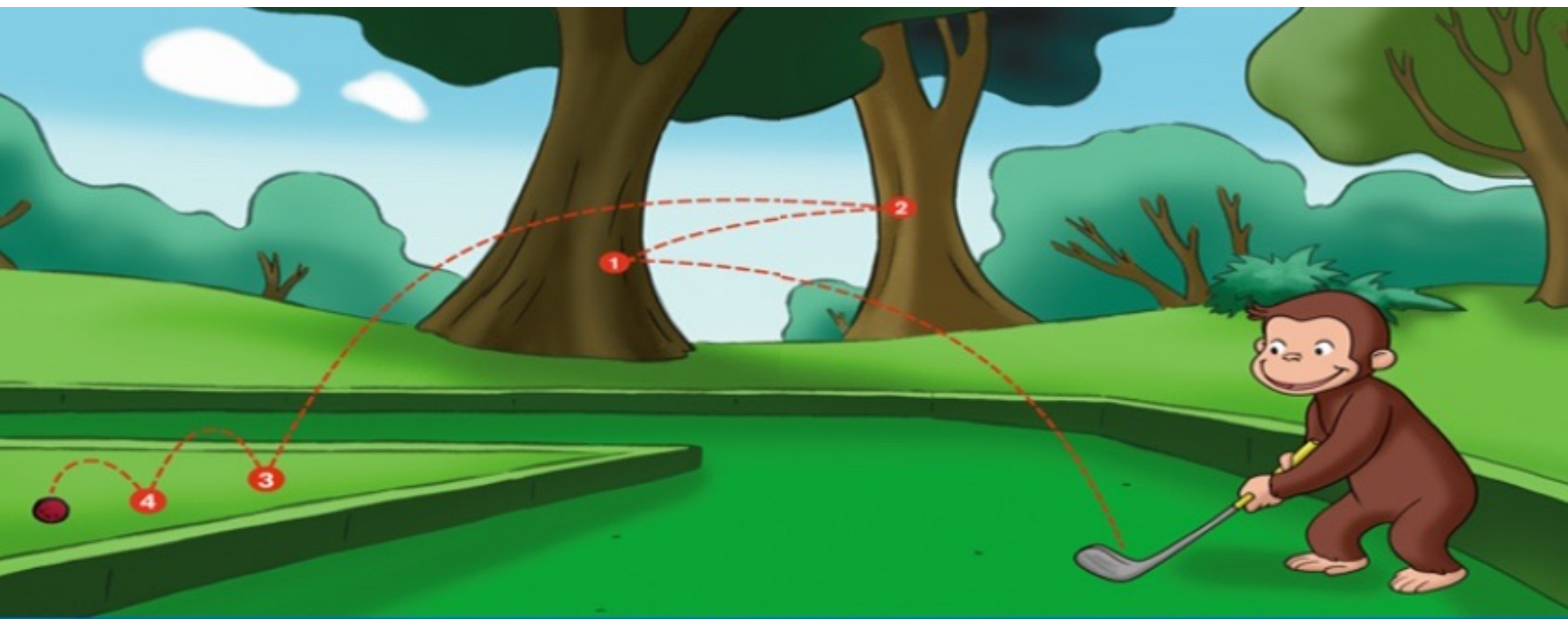
He always won.



One day Steve invited George to play mini golf. This was a new game for George. He was curious. Maybe he could win this time.



Steve hit the ball one . . . two . . . three times. Now it was George's turn.



George took a big swing.
His ball hit two trees!

George swung his golf club
many times to get a high score.



George hit the ball again and
again and again.

It went all over the golf course.
Golf was easy!

George hit the ball as many times
as he could.
Finally, he hit it right into the hole.





At the end of the game, Steve read
the scores:
Steve, 35, Betsy, 58, and George . . .
250!

George had the highest score.
He was so happy.
He had won.



"But George, in golf the lowest score is best," Betsy told him.
"I won the game," Steve said.



George was surprised.
How could a small number be better than a big number?

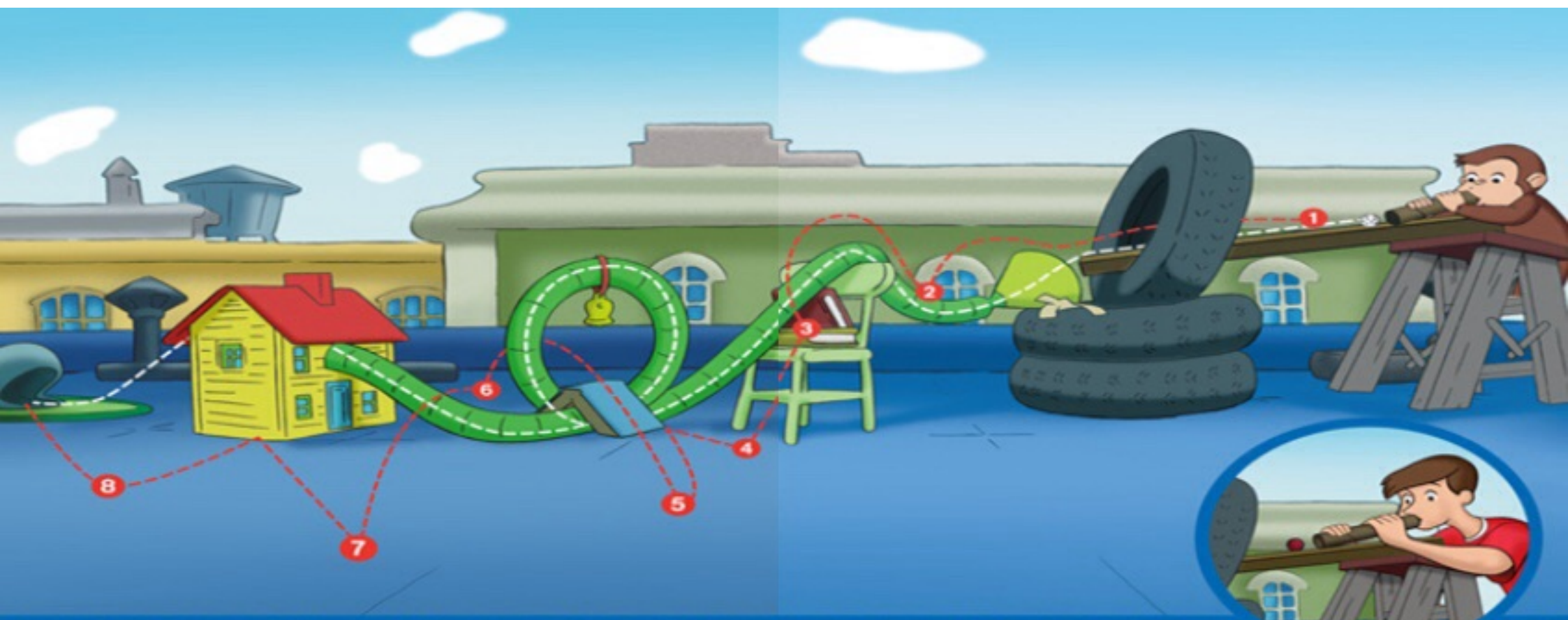


George had an idea.
He wanted to win in golf.
He had to practice.
George asked his friend if he
could borrow some things from
their house.



George made a golf course on the roof!
A paper towel roll was his club.
He blew in one end.
Air came out the other end.

The ball moved.
He was ready to play.
George invited Steve over.



George played first.

He blew through the tube . . . and got
a hole in one!

Steve was next.

But it took him eight tries to get
the ball into the hole.



Steve counted the points.
George had the lowest score.
Finally he was the winner – of
monkey mini golf!

Instructions:

1. Make a golf club by taping a sponge to the bottom of a ruler.
2. Draw pictures of your ideas for a golf course. Choose one you can build with materials you have.
3. Build your course (see ideas below) using the coffee can as the final hole.
4. Take turns with a friend playing your way through.
5. Talk about what's working and what's not. Do you need to change your design?

Ideas for your golf course:

- Make a tunnel by taping a paper towel roll on the floor.
- Put a chair or stool in the room for your ball to go under.
- Place paper plates on the floor to create obstacles for your ball to go around.
- Make a "sand trap" from a towel.
- Use two rows of building blocks to create a straight pathway.
- Come up with your own creative ideas!

