

# Working My Way Up

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Hi my name is Pete, and this is a story about a game called Working My Way Up. To play Working My Way Up our teacher hides stuff like Easter eggs and divides us into teams of three. The team that gets the most eggs wins and gets the next day off from school.

I was happy when I walked into room 164 and found out we were playing Working My Way Up last week. I was so excited when Mrs. Cactus divided us into groups of three. I walked through the crowd of children to find my teammates and figured out I was in a group with Freddy Bruges and Lilly Tomes. Freddy and Lilly were very annoying and loud, and I was not too happy about being on their team. I found my teacher, Mrs. Cactus, and begged her for different teammates, but she said she would not allow me to play if I didn't play with Freddy and Lilly. So I went back to Freddy and Lilly and waited for the game to start.

Just as the game was about to begin, Mrs. Cactus said "Now I want everybody to try their best and never give up...got it?" "Got it!" said all the players. "On your mark, get set, go," yelled Mrs. Cactus. Everybody scrambled to find the hidden eggs. "I found one," said Freddy. "I found two," said Lilly. "I found three," I said. Our team was really coming together until Ed's team began to catch up.

Ed was a bully and a cheat who would do anything to win. The way Ed played was not fair at all. "Come on guys they're catching up

to us," I said. It seemed that every team was gaining on us. We were having some real competition.

Time began to run out until only 15 minutes were left. We were rushing and trying to find as many eggs as possible. "Pete's team is really good" bragged Mrs. Cactus. Everybody was running here and there. "15 seconds left!" yelled Mrs. Cactus. I didn't know what to do, and that's when I started to panic. Sweat was running down my face. I was concerned because my team would not get a day off if I lost.

Three, two, one...ding! Time was over. I wiped the sweat off my face and tried to stay calm as Mrs. Cactus announced the winners. "And the winners are Ed and his team with a total of 21 eggs," said Mrs. Cactus. I felt dizzy, like I was about to pass out, but then something caught my eye. In Ed's basket there was an egg made out of paper. "Mrs. Cactus," I said as kind as I could be. "Yes Pete," said Mrs. Cactus. "There is a paper egg in Ed's basket," I said. Mrs. Cactus walked over and checked Ed's basket. "Well I'll be...that's a paper egg," said Mrs. Cactus.

Mrs. Cactus was disappointed. She disqualified Ed's team for cheating. "We have a new winner," Mrs. Cactus explained, "The winners of the working my way up competition are Pete, Freddy, and Lilly. I was so happy. I shook hands with Freddy and Lilly, and the next day I had no school. I was living my dream.

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