

Game 1 – Sled Dogs

A dogsled musher is harnessing exactly eight huskies—Frosty, Glacier, Icy, Klondike, Polar, Snowball, Tundra and Yukon—in a single-file line in front of a dogsled. The order of the sled dogs must comply with the following conditions:

Tundra is either immediately in front of or immediately behind Polar.

Icy is behind Yukon.

Yukon is behind both Polar and Glacier.

Glacier is immediately behind Klondike.

Frosty is after Tundra but before Icy.

Snowball is not the last dog.

- Which one of the following could be the order of the sled dogs, from first to last?
 - Polar, Tundra, Frosty, Glacier, Klondike, Yukon, Snowball, Icy
 - Snowball, Klondike, Glacier, Tundra, Frosty, Polar, Yukon, Icy
 - Tundra, Polar, Snowball, Klondike, Glacier, Frosty, Yukon, Icy
 - Polar, Tundra, Snowball, Klondike, Glacier, Frosty, Icy, Yukon
 - Snowball, Tundra, Polar, Yukon, Frosty, Klondike, Glacier, Icy
- Which one of the following could be true?
 - Polar is immediately behind Snowball.
 - Yukon is immediately in front of Klondike.
 - Icy is immediately in front of Snowball.
 - Tundra is immediately in front of Glacier.
 - Polar is immediately behind Frosty.
- If Frosty is the third dog from the front, which one of the following must be true?
 - Klondike is directly after Snowball.
 - Klondike is directly after Frosty.
 - Snowball is between Icy and Frosty.
 - Klondike is between Polar and Snowball.
 - Tundra is the first dog.
- Which one of the following is a pair of sled dogs that could be next to each other?
 - Icy and Glacier.
 - Tundra and Yukon.
 - Yukon and Klondike.
 - Polar and Icy.
 - Tundra and Icy.
- If Yukon is behind Frosty but ahead of at least two other dogs, which one of the following could be true?
 - Klondike is the second dog from the front.
 - Glacier is the fifth dog from the front.
 - Tundra is the fifth dog from the front.
 - Snowball is the third dog from the front.
 - Icy is the seventh dog from the front.
- How many different places in order can Frosty be?
 - two
 - three
 - four
 - five
 - six
- The order of the sled dogs can be completely determined if it is known that
 - Glacier is immediately in front of Frosty
 - Klondike is immediately behind Snowball
 - Tundra and Klondike are the second and third dogs from the front, respectively
 - Frosty and Yukon are the fifth and sixth dogs from the front, respectively
 - Polar and Frosty are the third and fourth dogs from the front, respectively

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1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. E

This is a game of putting things in order. Notice that you know the relationship of the elements but nothing about their places. A common mistake people make on the LSAT is that they try to work everything into columns of 1, 2, 3, and so forth. You should be able to make a chain out of these rules.

The first two questions feature four answers that break a rule, and it is a matter of eliminating these answers. However, the answers may be somewhat difficult if you have not drawn inferences in this game. The elements all form a chain, with only Snowball not required to be any specific place (except that Snowball cannot be last). You should be able to deduce and draw out a relational map between the elements in this particular arrangement. For example, because Tundra is ahead of Frosty and immediately next to Polar, Polar is ahead of Frosty.

Question 3 is based on the inference that Icy is last and Tundra and Polar are first and second (since they must go in front of Frosty). Since Snowball cannot be last, Snowball must fall between these fixed elements.

Question 4 is based on the chain of inferences you can make from these rules. For instance because Polar is ahead of Yukon, Tundra is also ahead of Yukon, and thus, because Yukon is ahead of Icy, Tundra is ahead of Icy. Make sure you are getting in the habit of drawing this out.

On Question 5, the key inference is that Snowball must be between Yukon and Icy, since nothing else can be after Yukon. As for Question 6, you need to deduce that Frosty can't be first, second, or last, because Frosty is behind both Tundra and Polar but ahead of Icy. Make sure you understand that because Tundra and Polar must be immediately adjacent, Frosty can't be second.

On questions like Question 7, there's no real shortcut—you have to evaluate the inferences of each answer and determine whether it places all the elements. Grind them out if you have trouble at first so you can see how these inferences work. The four wrong answers, as you should see, leave certain elements open to different spots.