

# *Mock Judging*



# Objectives

1. Define “judging.”
2. Explain the benefits of mock-judging activities and of giving oral reasons.
3. Identify methods of including judging activities in 4-H meetings.



# Objective 1

Define “judging.”



# What is judging?

Making a decision and  
explaining why it was  
made



## Objective 2

Explain the benefits of  
mock-judging activities  
and of giving oral reasons.



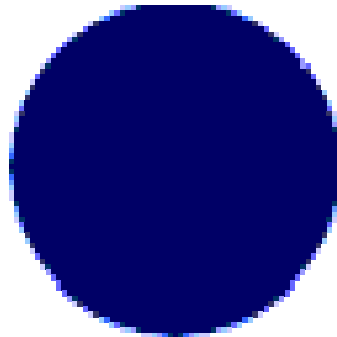
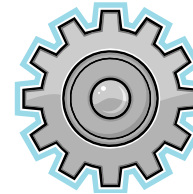
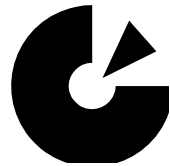
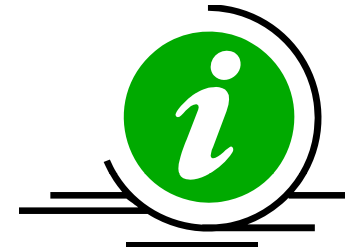
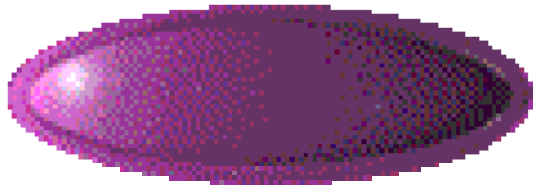
# What are the benefits of judging activities?

Judging teaches 4-H members to:

- Observe carefully
- Recognize good products, articles, animals
- Improve their own work
- Make wise selections
- Make wise decisions
- Express themselves clearly
- Appreciate opinions of others



# What is a good circle?



# Judging a class

The items may be designated by number:

1      2      3      4

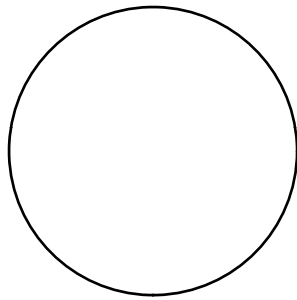
The 4-H members decide which one they think is best, second best, third best, and least satisfactory.



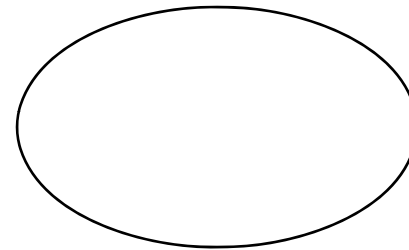


# How would you place these circles?

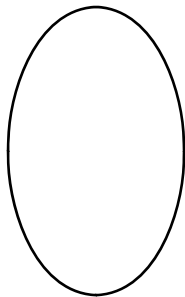
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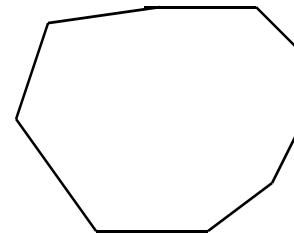
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# Reasons

Giving reasons why a class was judged a certain way is probably more important than the actual judging itself.



# Giving reasons helps 4-H members to:

- Organize their thoughts.
- Learn to express themselves in a logical manner.
- Speak effectively.



# Discussion

Share your circle placing and reasons  
with the group.



# Objective 3

Identify methods of including judging activities in 4-H meetings.



# What could you judge at 4-H meetings?

- Pencils
- Cookies
- Seam finishes
- Photographs
- Choosing equipment for grooming cattle
- Choosing equipment for a sewing box
- Purchased items – cost, label info, etc.



# When can you conduct judging activities?

- At meetings – as ice breakers, recreation, or a program
- Special workshop
- Skill-a-Thons



# Who can conduct judging activities?

- 4-H Club Volunteers
- Project Leaders
- Older Members
- Younger Members
- Parents





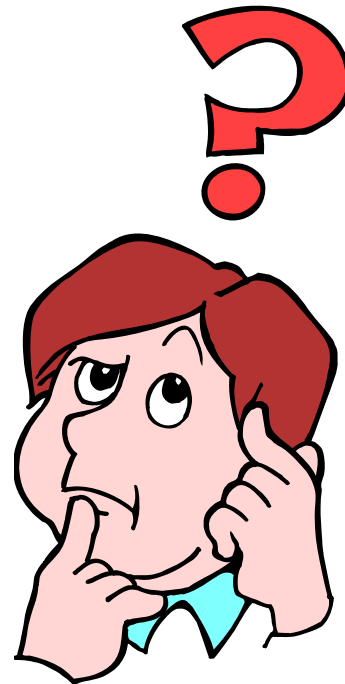
# Review Mock Judging Lesson

In this lesson we've discussed:

- The definition of “judging”
- The benefits of mock judging and of giving oral reasons
- Methods to include judging activities in 4-H meetings.



# Conclusion & Quiz



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