



The Snooker (or Pool) Game

Tools For Trainers

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This is a quick, fun exercise when you want to make a point about out-of-the-box thinking or communication e.g. listening

Tell this story

Five friends visited their local snooker/pool club to play at the annual tournament. The competition entry fee was £20 (or choose relevant amounts in your own currency) per person

The prize money was £500 for the winner, £200 for the runner-up, and £50 for third-place. There were no other prizes

None of the five friends won a single game. Nobody was disqualified – and the top three players all received their prize money. Yet, the five friends left the competition £200 in profit from having played

Ask this question

How did this happen? (Ask people to write their answer(s) down and show you rather than shout out—this helps keep it going for a few minutes!)

Provide this answer

(If not offered) They were the musicians in the band the club had hired for the event

Make this point

The key was in the wording “at the annual tournament” rather than “in the annual tournament”. Did anyone “hear” this evidence?

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