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Order matters here. Each place has one fewer choice than the last.

- ① 8 runners race for 3 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won?
 $8 \times 7 \times 6 = 336$

- ② 9 runners race for 4 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won?

- ③ 4 dogs compete for the top 2 places. In how many ways can those places be filled?

- ④ 9 students take the 4 seats in the front row, one to a seat. In how many ways can they sit?

- ⑤ A club of 5 students picks 2 officers, each with a different job. In how many ways can it do that?

- ⑥ 4 runners race for 3 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won?

- ⑦ 10 students take the 4 seats in the front row, one to a seat. In how many ways can they sit?

- ⑧ 5 dogs compete for the top 2 places. In how many ways can those places be filled?



Permutations and combinations · Permutations — Answer key



1. 8 runners race for 3 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won? $\rightarrow 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 336$

2. 9 runners race for 4 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won? $\rightarrow 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 3024$

3. 4 dogs compete for the top 2 places. In how many ways can those places be filled? $\rightarrow 4 \times 3 = 12$

4. 9 students take the 4 seats in the front row, one to a seat. In how many ways can they sit? $\rightarrow 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 3024$

5. A club of 5 students picks 2 officers, each with a different job. In how many ways can it do that? $\rightarrow 5 \times 4 = 20$

6. 4 runners race for 3 different medals. In how many ways can the medals be won? $\rightarrow 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 24$

7. 10 students take the 4 seats in the front row, one to a seat. In how many ways can they sit? $\rightarrow 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 5040$

8. 5 dogs compete for the top 2 places. In how many ways can those places be filled? $\rightarrow 5 \times 4 = 20$