

CAN YOU ANSWER THIS MATHEMATICAL RIDDLE?

This riddle was written during the 19th century, and the author stated that 98% of the world could not solve it. However, the trick is to persevere. This is a test of your patience, logic and ability to organize information.

If you solve the riddle, bring your solution and answer (and be prepared to explain it!!!) to Mrs. Dufresne (Room 2402) for a prize!!!

THE RIDDLE

There are 5 houses in 5 different colours. In each house lives a person with a different nationality. The 5 owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain type of cigar and keep a certain pet. No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar or drink the same beverage.

Given the following information, the question is to determine:

Who owns the fish?

1. The Brit lives in the red house.
2. The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
3. The Dane drinks tea.
4. The green house is on the left of the white house.
5. The green homeowner drinks coffee.
6. The person who smokes Pall Mall owns birds.
7. The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
8. The man living in the center house drinks milk.
9. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
10. The man who smokes Blend lives next to the man who keeps cats.
11. The man who keeps the horse lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.
12. The owner who smokes Bluemaster drinks beer.
13. The German smokes Prince.
14. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
15. The man who smokes Blend has a neighbor who drinks water.

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