

## Progress Monitoring Probe 5

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Because of this, she suffered one illness after another. Her family could not afford a doctor. Wilma's mother cared for her as best she could.	44	56	58				
When Wilma was six years old, she fell ill with polio. The disease left her legs weak, and doctors said she would never be able to walk. Mrs. Rudolph finally found a hospital willing to help Wilma. The workers there helped Wilma gain strength in her legs. At home, her brothers and sisters helped with the treatments, too. By the time she was twelve, Wilma was walking without help.	70	82	93	103	114	125	127
Wilma not only walked, she ran, and ran quickly. She decided to become an athlete. At first, she played basketball. Soon she became a star, leading her team to a state championship.	137	147	158	159			
Wilma also developed her track skills. By age sixteen, she had won a bronze medal in a relay race at the Olympic games. Wilma went on to become the first American woman to win three gold medals at the Olympics. She won three different races, two sprints of different distances and one relay race.	169	182	193	204	213		
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