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Roller Coaster

Whoosh! The roller coaster screams down the track, flies through the loops, and then pulls into the station. Sam and Jonah watch it from the ground. Their hair blows back and forth when it passes by.

"That looks fun," Sam says.

"I don't know," Jonah says. "It looks pretty scary."

"Oh come on," Sam says. "It's not scary. It looks fun! We should ride it."

"I don't know." Jonah says. He looks away from the roller coaster. He sees the water slide, the train, the bumper cars. "I have an idea," he says. "How about we go ride the water slide?"

"No, that's for kids," Sam says.

"Okay then. How about we go ride the train?" Jonah says. "No, that's also for kids," Sam says.

"Okay then. How about we go ride the bumper cars?" Jonah says. This was his last idea.

"Okay. I get it, Jonah," Sam says. "You're trying to avoid the roller coaster. You don't want to ride it. You are afraid."

"What?!" Jonah says, "I'm not afraid." The two boys stand there. Neither one of them says anything for a while. Finally Jonah stands up. "Let's go," he says. "Let's go ride the roller coaster."

"Cool!" Sam says.

The boys walk over to the roller coaster. They get in line. The line is short so they get right on. "This is going to be so much fun," Sam says excitedly.

Jonah nods. "Yeah," he says. "I hope so."

The roller coaster leaves the station. It goes higher and higher. Then it screams down the track and flies through the loops. Finally, it pulls back into the station.

"Wow! That was great!" Jonah says. He has a big smile on his face. "Let's ride it again!" "Oh, I don't know," Sam says. He looks a little scared. "Let's go ride the train."



- 1) Which word best describes the roller coaster in this passage?
- A. old
 - B. fast
 - C. boring
 - D. dangerous
- 2) Before the boys ride the roller coaster, Jonah suggests that they should ride the
- I. water slide
 - II. bumper cars
 - III. Ferris wheel
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 3) As used in the middle of the passage, the word **avoid** most nearly means
- A. stay away from
 - B. change
 - C. get closer to
 - D. remove
- 4) During this passage, Jonah changes from
- A. frightened to nervous
 - B. serious to funny
 - C. afraid to excited
 - D. worried to scared
- 5) At the end of the passage, Sam says, "Let's go ride the train." Sam most likely says this because
- A. he wants to go home
 - B. he wants to ride the train
 - C. he doesn't want to ride the bumper cars
 - D. he doesn't want to ride the roller coaster again

Answers and Explanations

1) B

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In paragraph 1, the passage says, "Whoosh! The roller coaster screams down the track. It flies through the loops. Then it pulls into the station. Sam and Jonah watch it from the ground. Their hair blows back and forth when it passes by." The roller coaster makes the sound "Whoosh!" This is a fast sound. The roller coaster "flies" through the loops. The roller coaster does not actually fly. This just means it moves very fast. Sam and Jonah's hair blows back and forth when it passes by. This lets us know that the roller coaster makes a lot of wind. That's because it is so fast. Using this information, we can understand that the roller coaster can best be described as fast. Therefore choice **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choice **(A)**. Therefore it is incorrect.

The roller coaster is fast. It is so fast that Jonah is afraid to ride it in the beginning. This lets us know that it can't be boring. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

Although the roller coaster is fast, it is not necessarily dangerous. The passage does not provide any information to support this idea. No one gets hurt while riding the roller coaster, and there is nothing wrong with it. Choice **(D)** is incorrect.

2) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the middle of the passage, Jonah tries to avoid, or stay away from, the roller coaster. To do this, he suggests that the boys ride the water slide, train, and bumper cars. This supports **option (I)** and **option (II)**.

Jonah does not mention the Ferris wheel in this passage. This eliminates **option (III)**.

Therefore **(B)** is correct.

3) A

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

In the beginning of the passage, Sam tries to convince Jonah to ride the roller coaster. But Jonah is afraid. He doesn't want to ride it. So, he suggests that they ride something else. He does this because he does not want to ride the roller coaster. Later, in the middle of the passage, Sam says, "Okay. I get it, Jonah...You are trying to avoid the roller coaster. You don't want to ride it. You are afraid." Sam understands that Jonah is afraid of the roller coaster. He sees that Jonah is only suggesting that they ride something else because he wants to stay away from the roller coaster. This means the word "avoid" most nearly means "stay away from." Choice **(A)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) CCore Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the beginning of the passage, Sam tries to convince Jonah to ride the roller coaster. But Jonah is afraid. He doesn't want to ride it. So, he suggests that they ride something else. He does this because he does not want to ride the roller coaster. Later, in the middle of the passage, Sam says, "Okay. I get it, Jonah...You are trying to avoid the roller coaster. You don't want to ride it. You are afraid." Sam understands that Jonah is afraid of the roller coaster. He sees that Jonah is only suggesting that they ride something else because he wants to stay away from the roller coaster.

Finally, Jonah gives in and decides to ride the roller coaster with Sam. The boys ride the roller coaster. After they do, Jonah seems excited. He says, "Wow! That was great!" He has a big smile on his face. "Let's ride it again!" Using this information, we can understand that choice **(C)** is correct.

Although Jonah is frightened, or afraid, in the beginning of the passage, he is not nervous at the end. Rather, he is excited. This eliminates choice **(A)**.

Although Jonah is afraid in the beginning of the passage, he is not particularly serious. Nor is he funny at the end of the passage. Rather, he is excited. Choice **(B)** is incorrect.

Although Jonah is worried, or afraid, in the beginning of the passage, he is not scared at the end. Rather, he is excited. This eliminates choice **(D)**.

5) DCore Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the beginning of the passage, Sam tries to convince Jonah to ride the roller coaster. But Jonah is afraid. He doesn't want to ride it. So, he suggests that they ride something else. He does this because he does not want to ride the roller coaster. Later, in the middle of the passage, Sam says, "Okay. I get it, Jonah...You are trying to avoid the roller coaster. You don't want to ride it. You are afraid." Sam understands that Jonah is afraid of the roller coaster. He sees that Jonah is only suggesting that they ride something else because he wants to stay away from the roller coaster.

Finally, Jonah gives in and decides to ride the roller coaster with Sam. The boys ride the roller coaster. After they do, Jonah is excited. He enjoyed riding the roller coaster. Jonah says, "Wow! That was great!" He has a big smile on his face. "Let's ride it again!" But then Sam says, "Oh, I don't know," He looks a little scared. "Let's go ride the train." Here, Sam uses the same suggestion that Jonah used before, when he didn't want to ride the roller coaster. Using this information, we can understand that Sam most likely says, "Let's go ride the train," because he doesn't want to ride the roller coaster again. This means choice **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

6) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In this passage, two kids go to ride a roller coaster. Each of them, in turn, get scared by it. This lets us know that roller coasters can be scary. Therefore, we can conclude that choice **(A)** is correct.

The passage mentions bumper cars, but it does not say whether or not they are dangerous. Therefore choice **(B)** is incorrect.

The passage does take place in a theme park, but the passage does not say what time the theme park closes. Therefore choice **(C)** is incorrect.

The kids do wait in a short line, but the passage does not lead us to believe that they don't like it. Therefore choice **(D)** is incorrect.