The Amusement Park Problem

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Jonah had been waiting all summer for this day. As soon as the family walked through the gates of Sunny Hill Amusement Park, he pointed at the tallest roller coaster. "The Thunderbolt!" he shouted. "Let's go!"

The line was long, but Jonah didn't mind. When they finally reached the front, a worker held up a measuring stick. Jonah stood as tall as he could, but the top of his head was two centimetres too short.

"Sorry, buddy," the worker said kindly. "Maybe next year." Jonah's lip trembled, and he stared at his sneakers.

His big sister Mia had been excited about the Thunderbolt too. She looked at the roller coaster, then at her brother. "I have a better idea," she said. "Let's find the rides we can do together."

They rode the bumper cars and crashed into each other until they were laughing too hard to steer. They spun on the teacups until the whole park looked blurry. Last of all, they rode the Ferris wheel. From the very top, they could see the Thunderbolt racing around its tracks.

"It looks small from up here," Jonah said. Mia nodded. "Next year, we'll ride it together." Jonah smiled. It had turned out to be the best day of the summer after all.

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Circle the best answer.

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- (c) He felt sick.

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- (b) Ten centimetres
- (c) One metre

3. Which ride did they go on last?

- (a) The bumper cars
- (b) The teacups
- (c) The Ferris wheel

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- (a) kind
- (b) selfish
- (c) sleepy

2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **How did Mia solve Jonah's problem?**
   She decided to skip the Thunderbolt and find rides they could do together, like the bumper cars and the Ferris wheel.
2. **How do you know Jonah was upset when he could not ride? Use details.**
   His lip trembled and he stared at his sneakers.
3. **Why did the Thunderbolt look small from the Ferris wheel?**
   They were very high up at the top of the Ferris wheel, so things far below looked small.