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Individual Reading Inventory

Foundations

Passage 1 from *Crazy Cars: A Guidebook to Wacky Wheels*

Can french fries save the earth? Can egg rolls point the way? Maybe old ones can. Or, at least, maybe their grease can. That's what some drivers think. They've made cars that run on used cooking oil. The oil often comes from fast-food places. What's the best part? The oil is usually free.

Most cars use a lot of gas. Gas costs money. It also causes pollution. That's why people are building "green cars." Green cars are friendly to the earth.

There are many kinds of green cars. Some use just electricity. Others run on cow manure. Really! Some even run on chicken manure. People used to think these cars were crazy. But gas prices are very high. Also, people worry about the greenhouse effect. They worry about global warming. Now they are taking another look at green cars.

Hybrid cars are hitting the roads in large numbers. What are hybrids? These cars are a combination. They run on electricity. They also use some gas. They don't use much gas, though. Some hybrids can get over 60 miles to a gallon of gas. That's almost three times what many regular cars get. Right now, hybrid cars are more expensive to buy than regular cars. However, their buyers feel that they save in the long run. And they *know* they are helping the earth.

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Directions

You are going to read part of an article about some unusual cars. Read this passage to find out more about "green cars." Then I will ask you some questions about the passage.

Questions

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1. According to this passage, what is old cooking oil used for?

(Example: It is used as fuel for cars.)

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2. What is one reason people are now building "green cars"?

(Examples: Gas is expensive; green cars are friendly to the earth or the environment.)

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3. The passage says that people worry about *global* warming. What does the word *global* mean?

(Examples: referring to the whole world, the earth, or the globe)

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4. How is a "hybrid" car different from a regular car?

(Examples: It uses a combination of both electricity and gas; it gets more miles per gallon; it is more friendly to the earth, or better for the environment; it costs almost three times as much.)

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5. Why are "hybrid" cars becoming so popular?

(Examples: People want to save money; people want to help the earth or the environment; people want to reduce pollution.)

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Passage 2 *from* Up Above the World So High

It all started one summer night when I took my little brother, Joey, to Great Wonder. You might not know about Great Wonder. It has two roller coasters, the Mega and the Marvel. They are great rides. Then it has the biggest Ferris wheel. I mean, it's the biggest in the world. I know because they've measured it.

Joe is a tough kid, but he's only ten. I wanted to start him off slowly. We walked around the rides.

"What do you think?" I asked.

"Cool, let's go," he said.

"Which one should we do first?" I asked.

"The Mega roller coaster," he said.

"I only have so much money," I warned. "We can't go on everything."

"I'm sure I want to go on that one," he said.

"Okay, time for some real fun," I told him. We walked to the roller coaster. All around us the air had the salty-sweet smell of food. I sniffed hot dogs and cotton candy. We passed a popcorn booth. The rich, buttery smell floated out and blended with the screams of the people on the rides. I was more than hungry. I was ravenous.

"Ready to yell your head off?" I asked.

Joey nodded and grinned real wide.

We got on the Mega and blasted off. We went up and down, then around. We strained upward, chugging up a hill. Then we swooped down so fast that my stomach felt as if it was leaving my body. Finally, we slowed to a crawl. Then we stopped and got off.

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Passage 2 from Up Above the World So High

Directions

You are going to read part of a story called "Up Above the World So High." The story is about Harvey and his little brother, Joey. Read this part of the story to see what happens. Then I will ask you some questions about the passage.

Questions

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1. What will the boys probably do next?

(Examples: They will go on another ride, or more rides; they will get some food.)

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2. Where does this story take place?

(Examples: at an amusement park; at Great Wonder)

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3. The passage says, "I was *ravenous*." What does *ravenous* mean?

(Examples: very hungry; starving)

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4. What did the boys smell before they went on the roller coaster ride?

(Examples: They smelled food; they smelled hot dogs, cotton candy, and buttery popcorn.)

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5. Why couldn't the boys go on all the rides at Great Wonder?

(Example: They did not have enough money.)

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