

READ THE PASSAGE

Think about what happens in the story and why it happens.

Coaster Kingdom

Megan could hardly stay in her seat as her dad pulled the car into the parking lot of Coaster Kingdom, the biggest roller coaster park in the state. Today was Megan's 11th birthday, and she was sure she was finally tall enough to ride the scariest coaster, the Dragon. The Dragon's tracks were made from wood, not metal. Megan knew that wooden tracks were slower than metal ones, but wooden tracks also swayed and creaked, especially on windy days like today.

Megan's father paid for their tickets, and she excitedly took his hand. She wanted to hurry to the coaster, but her dad was thirsty after the long car ride. They stopped at the food court and shared a frozen lemonade and a warm, sugary churro. After their snack, Megan led her dad to the entrance of the Dragon. A sign shaped like a friendly dragon stood in front of the gate. The dragon was holding one hand up, and the message read, "You must be at least this tall to ride this coaster." Megan beamed and ran up to the sign. She stood on the tips of her toes and thought tall thoughts. Her father, however, was not smiling.

"I'm sorry, honey," he said. "Let's go check out the other rides. There are still plenty of fun things we can do today."

SKILL PRACTICE

Read the item. Write your response.

1. What was Megan looking forward to at Coaster Kingdom? How do you know?

2. Why did Megan and her dad stop at the food court?

3. How did Megan react to the dragon sign? Explain why she reacted that way.

STRATEGY PRACTICE

Underline the information in the passage that helped you figure out why Megan's dad said he was sorry and suggested that they go on other rides.