

**READ THE PASSAGE** Visualize what is happening in the passage.

### Zooktar from Jupiter

4-3-2-1 Liftoff! Sam was trying out his new computer game “Kids in Space.” He watched the monitor as flames and smoke shot out from the rocket boosters. Faster than real life, the shuttle was in orbit. Sam was ready for his first adventure in space.

“Watch out, Jupiter, here I come!” said Sam. “You’re the biggest planet, so you must be the best.” Sam moved the astronaut, who pushed buttons and flipped switches. The shuttle neared Jupiter. Sam had to steer in and out of Jupiter’s moons. His chair tilted from side to side, just like the spacecraft. Then the craft landed with a thump. Sam’s chair did, too.

A figure appeared on the screen. Its voice boomed. “Hello, Sam. I’m Zooktar.” Sam wondered how the game knew his name. Zooktar asked the boy a few questions. Sam’s voice shook as he answered. Then Sam’s mom called him for dinner. He shut down the program and looked at the game box. He saw the words in red, “WARNING: Play at your own risk. Real space travel may occur.”

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the item. Write your response.

1. What did Sam probably think after he read the warning on the game?

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2. Why did Sam’s voice shake as he answered the questions?

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3. What two facts can you learn about Jupiter from this text?

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**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Circle descriptions in the passage that helped you visualize what was fantasy.