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# The Twister

by Kelly Hashway

Michelle slumped in her seat as the bus pulled into the amusement park. She'd spent the entire ride from school listening to her friends talk about the new roller coaster, the Twister.

Michelle had been on roller coasters before, but she didn't like them. She was terrified of the slow climb to the top at the start of the ride. It gave



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"Everyone stick with your group, and remember the first check-in will be in one hour," Mrs. Grayson said. She looked at Ashley and Michelle. "Are we heading to the Twister first?"

Ashley, Tina, Beth, and Shauna nodded excitedly. Michelle gulped.

The others stepped off the bus, and Mrs. Grayson whispered, "I'm nervous, too."

Michelle nodded. At least she wasn't the only one.

Ashley dropped back and grabbed Michelle's arm. "I'm so scared to ride the Twister. I heard the first drop is awful, and my sister's friend said she threw up after all the twists and loops."

"We could go on another ride," Michelle said, blurring the words out.

Ashley shook her head. "No way. I can't wait to ride the Twister!"

"But you just said you were scared."

"Being scared is what makes it fun. Would you want to go on a baby ride that goes really slow and just turns in a big circle?"

"No. That's boring."

"Exactly. It's boring because it's not scary."

Maybe Ashley was right. Michelle looked at the ride operator at the front of the



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Michelle took a deep breath. "Let's go."

"Are you sure?" Mrs. Grayson asked.

"It'll be really scary, but if we're going to ride the Twister, we may as well get the best seats." Michelle led her group to the front of the line and sat down in the first seat. The lap bar clicked into place.

"Enjoy the ride," the operator said.

Michelle nodded. "We will."

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1. Put the events in order. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ashley tells her friends she's scared of the Twister.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Grayson announces that the first check-in is in one hour.

\_\_\_\_\_ The bus pulls into the amusement park.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle suggests going on a different ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle and Ashley sit in the front of the roller coaster.



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3. At the end of the story, does Michelle really want to go on the roller coaster, or is she only going because Ashley is forcing her to? How do you know?

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.  
Then, write the full word on the line.

1. \_\_\_ g \_\_\_ \_ \_ e

**clue:** fret; become worried

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ r

2. \_\_\_\_\_



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**clue:** person who controls a machine

5. \_\_\_ \_ r \_\_\_ n \_\_\_

**clue:** not fun or exciting

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_ \_ a \_\_\_ e

**clue:** to look at for a long time

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_ \_ p

**clue:** area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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In the story, "The Twister," Michelle is afraid to ride the roller coaster, but soon she discovers that it's okay to be afraid when you try something new. By the end of the story, she is ready to ride the roller coaster, even though she is afraid.



On the lines below describe a time when you were afraid to try something. Did you do it anyway? Why or why not?

A red-bordered banner with a white background. On the left is a cartoon superhero with a red cape and a blue chest with the letters 'STW' on it. On the right, the word 'Preview' is written in large red letters. Below it, in smaller black text, it says 'Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.'

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1. a g o n i z e

1. agonize

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7. l a p

7. lap

**clue:** area from the waist to the knees of a seated person