

Inference and Understanding

Reading Skills



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Activity 1

Reading a Picture

Look at this picture, then talk about these questions with a partner.



Example Answers

What do you think is happening in the picture?

I think that the ladies in the picture are lining up to take part in a race.

What are the people waiting for?

The people in the picture are waiting for the race to start.

How do you think the people feel? Why?

I think that the people feel nervous because they are waiting to start the race and they will want to win it.

Why is one person running on their own?

One person might be running on their own because they started at the wrong time or they are practising before the race begins.

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Activity 2

Reading a Picture

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Example Answers

What do you think is happening in the picture?

I think that the boys are taking part in a football match.

Why are the boys wearing different coloured shirts?

They are wearing different coloured shirts because they are on different teams.

Why is the man in the grey and blue jumper stood in the background?

I think that the man in the background is the goalkeeper and he is waiting in the net to defend against goals.

What do you think that the boy in the black shorts is thinking?

I think that the boy in the black shorts is thinking, 'I'm going to stop him from getting the ball'.

Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



My mum has made a bright pink cake for me.

It has 8 candles on top.

It is decorated with a colourful design of dots.

Around the bottom, there are yellow circles.

On the sides, there are four stars poking out on sticks.

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Activity 3

Draw a Picture

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Reading a Picture

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Example Answers

Are the people inside or outside? How do you know?

I think that everybody is outside because I can see the bricks and the drain pipes on the outside of the buildings.

Why is everybody looking up?

Everybody is looking up because they are watching the balloons they have just let go of.

How do you think that the people are feeling?

I think that the people feel happy and excited because they are all smiling as they watch the balloons go up into the sky.

What special kind of day is it? How do you know?

I think that this is a wedding because the lady in the middle of the picture is wearing a wedding dress and everyone is dressed smartly.

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Activity 5

Reading a Picture

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Example Answers

Where do you think people are in this picture?

I think that the people are at a concert.

What do you think people are doing with their phones?

I think that they are using their phones to take pictures and videos of the singer on the stage.

Why is the girl sitting on someone's shoulders?

The girl is sitting on someone's shoulders so that she can see the stage.

How do you think the people in the crowd feel?

I think that the people in the crowd feel excited to be at the concert and that they are enjoying themselves.

Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



My teacher was at the front of the line.

He was wearing a green coat and a blue scarf.

First in the line was a boy in green wellington boots and a blue hat with a white bobble on top of it.

Next in the line was a girl in a red coat.

Last in the line was a girl with a purple hat and scarf.

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Example Answers

What do you think is happening in this picture?

A little girl is sitting next to her Christmas tree reading a story.

What time of year do you think it is? Why?

I think that it is Christmas time because there is a Christmas tree in the picture.

Why is the little girl wearing that hat?

The little girl is wearing that hat because it is the same hat that Father Christmas wears.

How do you think that the girl is feeling? Why?

I think that the little girl is feeling excited because she is waiting for Father Christmas to come to her house with lots of presents.

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Activity 8

Reading a Picture

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Example Answers

What do you think that the people on the beach are doing?

I think that the people on the beach are sunbathing and building sandcastles.

Why might some people be going into the water?

Some people might be going into the water to cool down because they are too hot.

What do you think the buildings in the background are?

I think that the buildings in the background might be hotels.

What do you think the weather is like? Why?

I think that the weather is warm and sunny because the people on the beach are sunbathing and wearing their swimming costumes. They would not do that if it was cold.

Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



My dream racing car has four black wheels.

The bottom half of the car is red.

The top half of the car is yellow.

It has a red engine on the back.

It has a dark blue door on the side.

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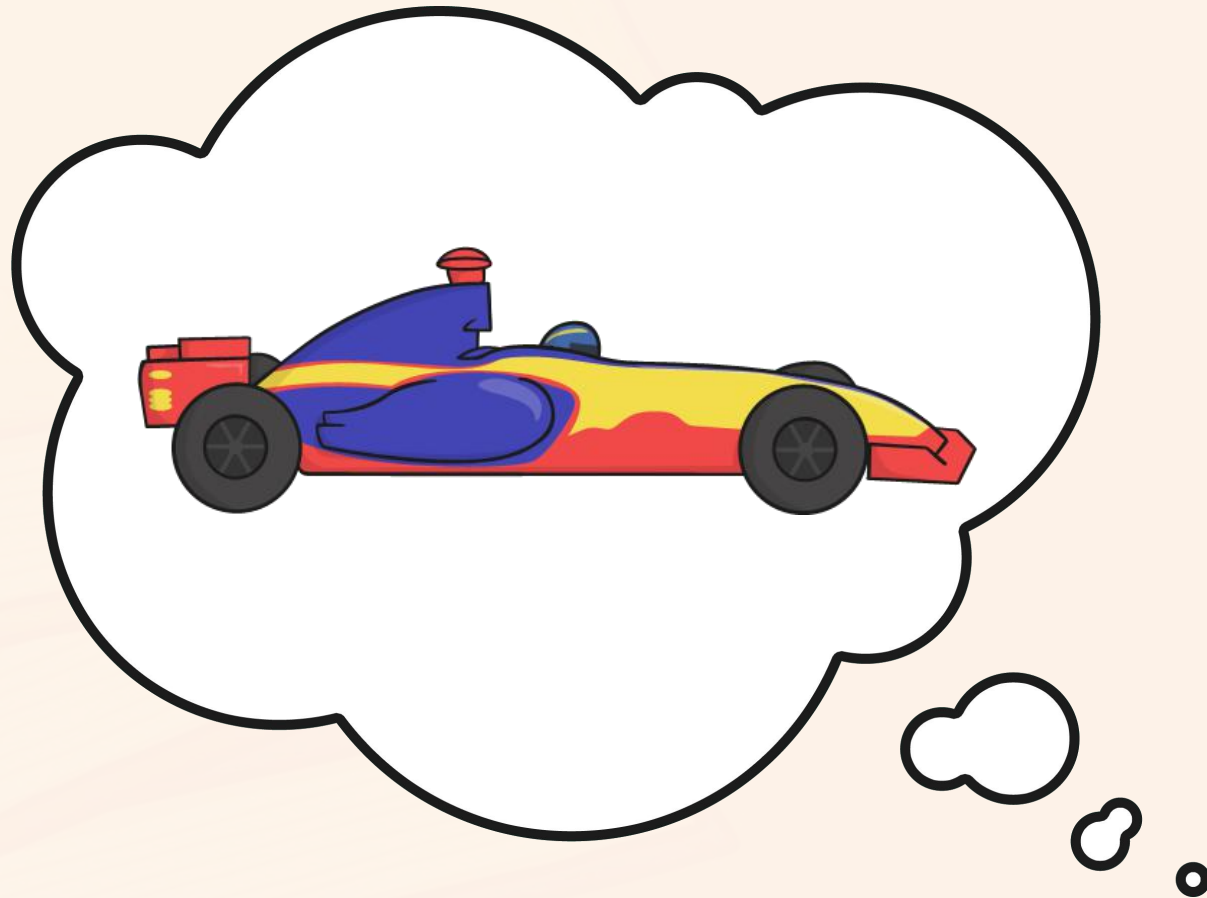


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Activity 10

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Example Answers

What do you think is happening in this picture?

I think that the two little girls are watching a football match.

Why are the girls stood on the fence?

The girls are stood on the fence so that they can see over it and watch the match. If they did not stand on the fence, they would be too small to see over the top of it.

What sport is this? How do you know?

I know that this is a football match because I can see a football in the picture and the men on the pitch are wearing football boots.

What do you think the weather was like that day? Why?

I think that the weather was dry and warm because one little girl is wearing shorts and neither of them are wearing a coat.

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Activity 11

Reading a Picture

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Example Answers

What do you think is happening in the picture?

The little boy is having a haircut.

What is the lady's job?

The lady is a hairdresser and she is cutting the little boy's hair.

Do you think the little boy likes what is happening to him?

I think that the little boy doesn't mind having his hair cut because he looks calm and he is not upset.

What might the boy be looking at?

The little boy might be looking at his reflection in the mirror and watching the lady cut his hair.

Draw a Picture

Read these sentences and draw what is being described.



My big brother and my sister went on a ghost train ride.

They sat next to each other.

He was wearing a blue T-shirt and she was wearing a purple top.

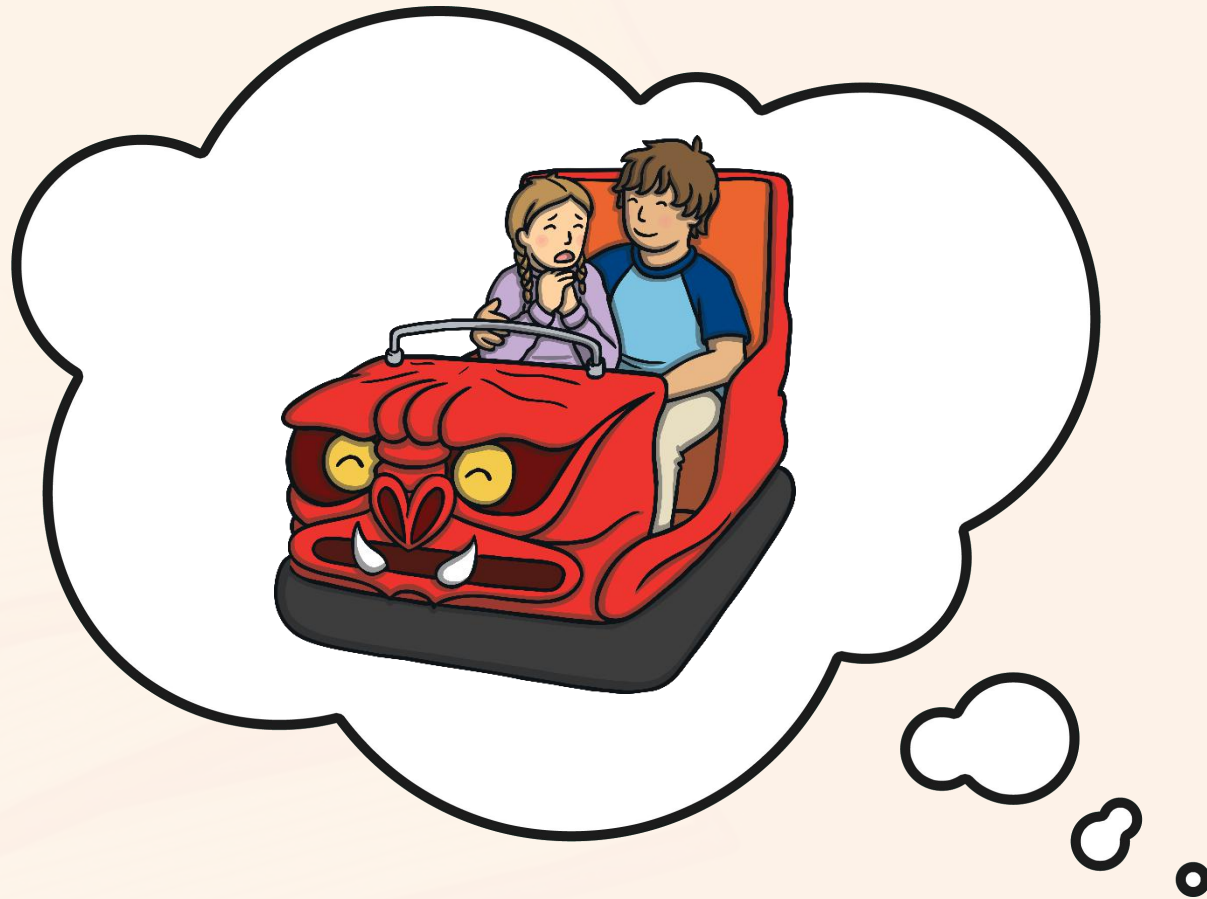
The ghost train car had a face on the front with two yellow eyes, a nose, a mouth and two white, pointy teeth.

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Activity 13

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Example Answers

What are the boys doing in this picture?

The boys in the picture are standing in a river trying to catch fish.

Why is one boy pointing?

The boy is pointing to show the other boy where the fish is that he needs to catch.

Why is one boy carrying a bucket?

The boy is carrying a bucket so that he can collect the fish and take them back home.

How do you think that the boys are feeling?

I think that the boy on the left is feeling happy and is enjoying catching the fish. I think that the boy on the right is feeling a little bit frustrated that he cannot catch the fish he wants.

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Example Answers

Where do you think this picture was taken?

I think that the picture was taken in a hospital because the little girl is in a bed and there is a doctor there.

What is the man's job? How do you know?

I think that the man is a doctor because he is wearing hospital scrubs and he has a stethoscope around his neck.

Why is the little girl sticking her tongue out?

The little girl is sticking her tongue out so that the doctor can check her throat.

How do you think that the little girl is feeling?

The little girl is probably feeling poorly and maybe a little bit nervous because she is at the hospital.



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