

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... tracks       | a. a ride at the fair with things to make you afraid                             |
| 2..... candyfloss   | b. the metal 'road' that a train travels on                                      |
| 3..... to disappear | c. to move very fast, from side to side, continuously                            |
| 4..... heat         | d. for all of time, for always   |
| 5..... to vibrate   | e. something that no one can understand or explain                               |
| 6..... a mystery    | f. to stop being there   |
| 7..... ghost train  | g. the noun of 'hot'   |
| 8..... forever      | h. a sweet food made with sugar, usually pink or white, that you buy at the fair |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Claire is afraid of the ghost train at the fair.    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Claire buys her first candyfloss.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. No one knows why there's a train track in Fellside. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. The train feels real.                               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Claire eats all of the candyfloss.                  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. The driver is going to take Claire home.            | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

**1. Check your understanding: multiple choice**

Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. Claire walks home by the train tracks because ...
  - a. she wants a change.
  - b. it's faster.
  - c. it's longer.
2. When the train comes, she ...
  - a. hears it before she sees it.
  - b. sees it before she hears it.
  - c. can't see it.
3. Claire doesn't finish her candyfloss because ...
  - a. it's not real.
  - b. it's not possible.
  - c. she doesn't have time.
4. The train driver ...
  - a. is real.
  - b. is a ghost.
  - c. works for the fair.

**Discussion**

Did you like the story?