

STUDENT BOOK H

FOCUS on

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS
AND MAKING INFERENCES

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Lesson

Preview

Read this sample passage about something two friends did. As you read, think about the information that is directly stated as well as what you already know. This will help you figure out information that is not directly stated.



Without the slightest hesitation, Anna climbed into the carriage that looked like a cage and Karen leapt in beside her. Little did they guess what hair-raising thrill was in store. The heavy steel bar descended onto their laps, pinning them down and in a moment the attendant clanked the door shut. The cage jerked suddenly and swung ahead, three metres at a time, as one-by-one, he closed the doors of the others. As each cage moved, it advanced along the track, which was shaped like a long, narrow oval on its side.

When the attendant had determined that everyone was secure, the suspense ended and the heart pounding began. Suddenly, the cages began zipping ahead – then up, over the front end and backwards along the top part of the track. Meanwhile, the track itself flipped end-over-end through the air. As each cage travelled along the revolving track, it somersaulted in place!

Although other riders shrieked in terror and delight, Anna and Karen could not make a single sound.

1. Details in the passage suggest that Anna and Karen

- Ⓐ were riding in a car.
- Ⓑ were riding in a horse-drawn carriage.
- Ⓒ were trapped in a cage at the zoo.
- Ⓓ were on an amusement ride.

2. You can figure out that Anna and Karen probably could not make a single sound because

- Ⓐ they were asleep.
- Ⓑ they were terrified.
- Ⓒ they were obeying a rule.
- Ⓓ they were feeling sick.

Look at the answer choices for each question. Read why each answer choice is correct or not correct.

1. Details in the passage suggest that Anna and Karen

- (A) were riding in a car.

This answer is not correct because the passage does not mention a car and a car would not be riding along the track described.

- (B) were riding in a horse-drawn carriage.

This answer is not correct because the passage does not mention a horse, which would be needed to pull the carriage.

- (C) were trapped in a cage at the zoo.

This answer is not correct because there is no mention of a zoo; also, the passage suggests that the carriage they were riding in only looked like a cage.

- (D) were on an amusement ride.

This answer is correct because details such as the attendant, the revolving track, the other riders shrieking in terror and delight suggest that the ride is an amusement ride, perhaps at a fete or carnival.

2. You can figure out that Anna and Karen probably could not make a sound because

- (A) they were asleep.

This answer is not correct because they were aware of everything that was going on.

- (B) they were terrified.

This answer is correct because the ride is described as being a hair-raising thrill and terrifying and Anna and Karen had had no idea of what they were getting into when they boarded.

- (C) they were obeying a rule.

This answer is not correct because the passage does not mention any rules.

- (D) they were feeling sick.

This answer is not correct because there is no mention of their feeling unwell.