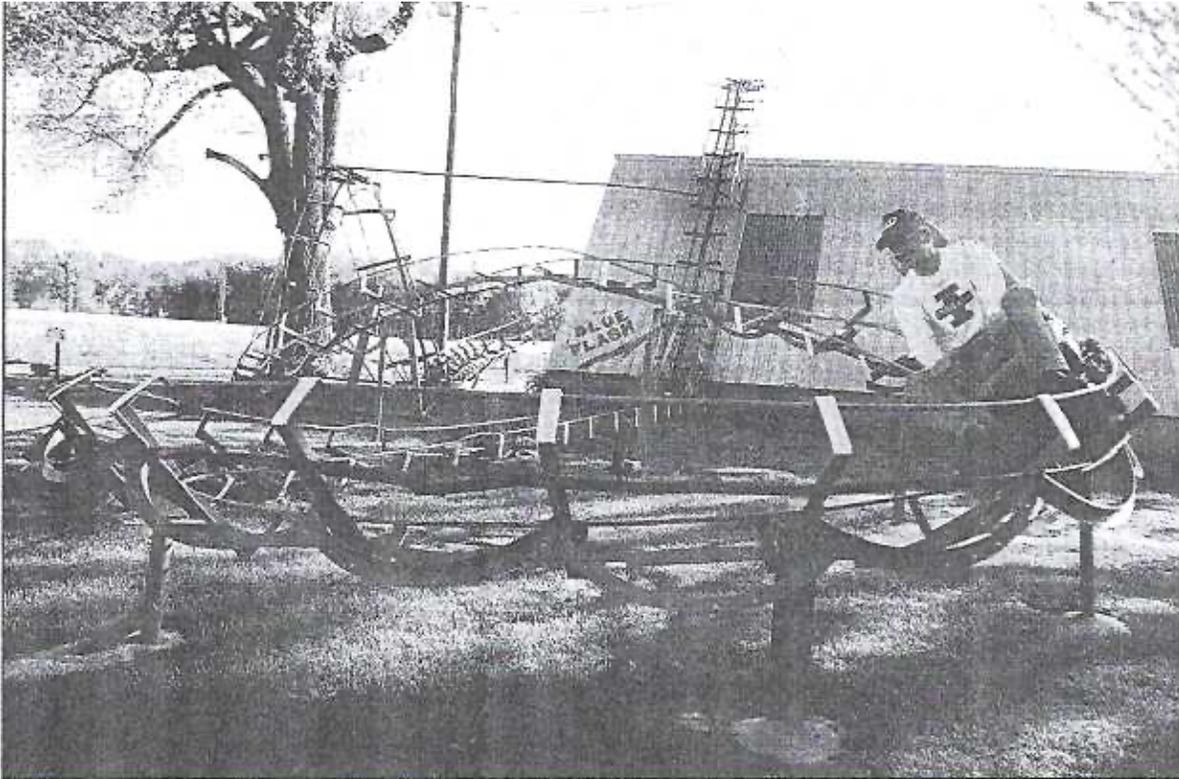


CHAPTER 6: THE THRILL OF IT



BEFORE YOU READ. Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Circle your answers and write them on the lines.

This is _____

1. An elevator
2. A roller coaster
3. A toy

Where is it? It's in _____

1. An amusement park
2. A hotel
3. A backyard

2. Write your answers on the lines.

Did you ever go on a ride like this? _____

People go on rides like this because _____

THE THRILL OF IT

Roller coasters are popular all over the world. In fact, some people will wait in line for hours to ride a roller coaster. At Fujiko Highland Park in Fujiyoshida, Japan. Yosuke Kawase waited in line for four and a half hours to ride Dodonpa, the fastest roller coaster in the world. Yosuke says, "I love the roller coasters, because of the thrill and the speed. I don't mind waiting in line." John Ivers lives thousands of miles away from Yosuke and he loves roller coasters, too. But he hates to wait in line. So he built a roller coaster in his backyard!

John lives in Bruceville, Indiana, in the United States. He is an engineer. He and his wife, Sharon, have two daughters and four grandchildren. John built his roller coaster, the Blue Flash, a few years ago. It is 20 feet (about six meters) high. It travels over John's barn, and around an elm tree. It goes about 25 miles (about 40km) per hour. Yosuke paid 1000 yen (US \$7.75) for a one minute ride on Dodonpa. The Blue Flash is a much shorter ride, but the ride is free for all the Ivers family. Most important of all, they never have to wait in line.

Now John is busy again. He is building another roller coaster. This one will travel around his garden. He says it will be bigger, faster, and better than the Blue Flash.

John is excited about his new roller coaster. But not everyone enjoys roller coasters. John's wife, Sharon, doesn't. She thinks they're dangerous. She is afraid of heights and will not get on the blue flash.

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? Mark the correct letter.
 1. Yosuke Kawase likes to wait in line to ride Dodonpa
 2. Many people love to ride roller coasters
 3. John Ivers built a roller coaster in his backyard.

2. **JUST THE FACTS.** Circle the letters of the correct answers
 1. a) Roller coasters are only popular in Japan and the U.S.
 b) Roller coasters are very popular all over the world.
 2. a) Dodonpa is in Indiana
 b) The blue flash is in Indiana
 3. a) John Ivers hates to wait in line.
 b) Yosuke hates to wait in line.
 4. a) John's wife loves to ride the Blue Flash
 b) John's wife is afraid to ride the Blue Flash
 5. a) John Ivers is an engineer.
 b) Yosuke is an engineer
 6. a) John's family loves to build roller coasters
 b) John's family loves to ride his roller coaster.

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Circle the correct word on the lines.
 1. Some people wait _____ for hours to ride on a roller coaster.
 around in line outside
 2. The Blue Flash is not very fast. The _____ is 25 miles per hour.
 speed height thrill
 3. Yosuke waited for four and a half hours. He doesn't _____ waiting in line.
 like choose mind
 4. Yosuke loves the _____ of roller coasters. They're very exciting.
 thrill cost busy
 5. John is _____ again. He is building another roller coaster.
 busy riding in line

READ ON TWO

4. **TALK IT OVER.** With a partner, put the sentences in the correct places in the chart below. Talk about your answers with your classmates.

~~It takes one minute~~

John Ivers built it

It is in the US

Yosuke Kawase rode it.

A ride costs \$7.75 US

~~It takes 11 seconds~~

It is in Japan

It's the fastest roller coaster in the world

It travels around a barn

A ride is free

THE BLUE FLASH	DODONPA
<i>It takes eleven seconds.</i>	<i>It takes one minute.</i>

5. **THINK IT OVER.** read the questions below. Talk about your answers with group, and write them down.

1. Why did John Ivers build the Blue Flash?

He built it because _____

2. Why do you think John is building another roller coaster?

6. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Complete the following sentences.

1. *John Ivers and Yosuke Kawase are similar because* _____

2. *John Ivers and Yosuke Kawase are different because* _____

7. **TAKE A SURVEY.** Ask your classmates this question. Count their answers and put the numbers on the chart.

QUESTION	YES	NO
Do you like to ride roller coasters?		

CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 - ACTIVITY MENU

1. **TIE IT TOGETHER.** Write each word in the correct column. Then add more words from chapters 5 and 6.

Afraid cannon costume fun ride backyard children daughter grandchildren thrill

Bruceville circus family hate travel build ~~clown~~ Fujiyoshida love worried

More Words: _____

PLACES	PEOPLE	FEELINGS	ACTIVITIES	THINGS
	<i>clown</i>			

2. **GO ONLINE.** The oldest roller coaster in the world is called Leap-the-Dips. Where is it? How old is it? Use an Internet search engine like Google and type in "Lea-the-Dips."

Leap-the-Dips is in _____. It is _____ years old.

3. **TALK IT OVER.** How are John Ivers and Jon Weiss similar? How are the two men different? Write your answers in the chart, then share them with your classmates.

JOHN IVERS AND JON WEISS	
HOW ARE THEY SIMILAR?	HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?
<i>They are both married.</i>	<i>John Ivers is an engineer.</i>

4. **JUST FOR FUN.** Find and circle the words.

D	S	U	C	R	I	C	P	L	E
B	A	V	A	C	K	W	P	E	N
U	S	N	Y	F	N	V	W	V	G
S	J	G	G	W	Y	O	Z	A	I
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E	D	I	S	H	P	T	S	S	F
L	I	C	U	P	S	W	H	H	V

WORD LIST:

- Busy
- Circus
- Clown
- Dangerous
- Engineer
- Push
- Speed
- Thrill
- Travel
- Worried