

4th Grade Reading Selection Sample #1

State Fair

1 Mr. and Mrs. Peck surprised their children with a trip to the Oklahoma State Fair. The twins, Rich and Bernie, were so excited about going, they forgot to tease their little sister, Ashley.

2 After a two-hour drive, Mr. Peck pulled into the parking lot. The boys excitedly turned to look at the tall whirling objects in the carnival. "Wow, look at them spin! I want to go there first," exclaimed Rich and Bernie agreed. When they entered the fairgrounds a man in a red shirt gave them flyers. It listed the programs on one side and a map of the carnival area on the other.

3 They stood still for a few minutes taking in all the sights, sounds and smells. Some children were riding horses to prepare for the races. People were brushing pigs, cows, dogs and other animals to be entered in contests. The smell of hot buttery popcorn and the soft sweet smell of cotton candy made their mouths water. There were crowds everywhere. Some ladies were taking homemade food and clothing to a long building. Many more contests would be held there. The

winners would receive purple, blue, and red ribbons.

4 Ashley and her mother decided to look at the animals. Then they would check out the pies and cakes. Mr. Peck wanted to buy a hamburger and relax. Rich and Bernie were headed to the carnival. Mr. Peck gave them the carnival map and money to buy tickets for the rides.

5 The family agreed to meet at the carnival ticket booth in an hour. Ashley and Mom were afraid to get lost so they also took a map. There was so much to see and do! Yes, the State Fair was a great place!

STATE FAIR CARNIVAL

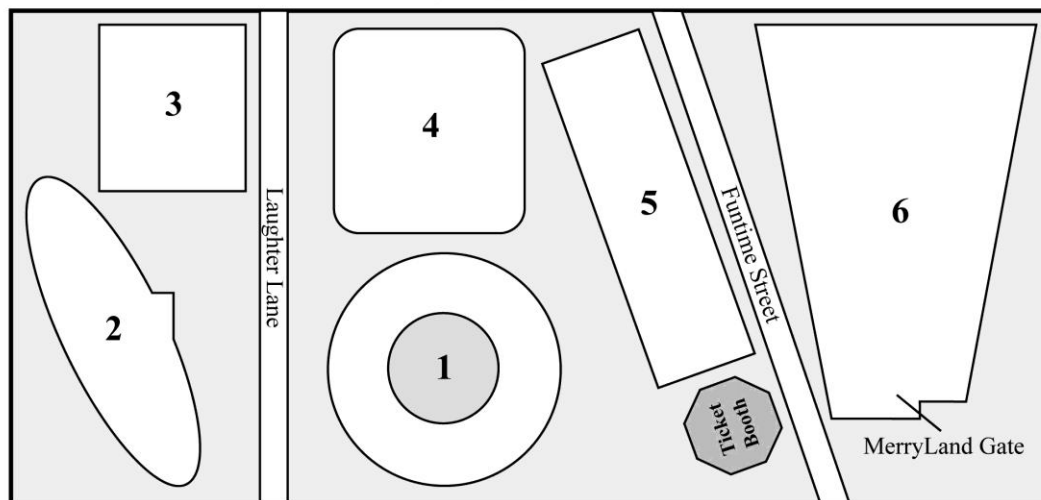
TICKET PRICES FOR RIDES

Single Tickets	50 cents each (2-6 tickets per ride)
Ticket Strips	\$10 (25 coupons to a strip)
Wristband Day (Wed)	\$10 – All the rides you want 10 AM – 6 PM
Wristband Evening (Thur)	\$15 – All the rides you want 6 PM – 11 PM

CARNIVAL RIDES

1	Scamper – The Scamper is a ride up steep hills and through a dark tunnel during a windstorm. The wind sweeps through your hair as the scamper rapidly flies through the tunnel. Cost: 5 Tickets	3	Tower Wheel – This giant wheel is one of the most popular carnival rides for people of all ages. From the top of the Tower Wheel, you can get a view of the entire State Fair. Cost: 4 Tickets	5	Sky-Ski – No spills on this slope! Get seated on a special ski board on top and slide safely to the bottom in a flash. Cost: 3 Tickets
2	Giant Blast-off – Fastened from above, the Giant Blast-off swings forward and back until it nearly makes a complete circle. You will feel like your stomach has dropped out as the Giant Blast-off stops and begins to go the other way. Cost: 4 Tickets	4	Moon Bouncer – What would it feel like to weigh nothing—to jump on the surface only to be bounced back into the air? You are the astronaut in Moon Bouncer’s air-filled tubes and can decide for yourself when to end your flight. Cost: 2 Tickets	6	Kiddie Ride Area – Young children will delight at the collection of colorful, fun and safe rides in the Kiddie Ride Area. Come through the MerryLand Gate and try the Clickety-Clack Train, a Merry-Go-Around, Mini Cars, Tony’s Ponies and more. Cost: 2 Tickets for each ride

CARNIVAL MAP



Questions for “State Fair” and Carnival map:

1. In paragraph 2 of “State Fair,” fairgrounds mean

- A a place where fairs are held. C a place where you buy a fair map.
B grounds that are on a map. D grounds for setting up rides.

2. Look in box number 3 of the state fair map. What is a synonym for giant?

- A steep C popular
B enormous D monster

3. In box number 6 of the state fair map, what word is a homonym for through?

- A thrill C threw
B though D thought

4. Rich and Bernie are going to meet Mr. Peck at the

- A Moon Bouncer. C place where popcorn is sold.
B place where tickets are sold. D Tower Wheel.

5. “State Fair” is an example of

- A a news story. C nonfiction.
B fiction. D a folk tale.

6. What is the best summary of “State Fair”?

- A** The Peck family has an enjoyable day at the state fair.
- B** The Peck family drives for two hours to the state fair.
- C** Mr. Peck gives Rich and Bernie money to buy tickets for the carnival rides.
- D** After an hour at the fair the Peck family agrees to meet at the ticket booth

7. You can tell that Mr. Peck was not interested in riding the carnival rides because

- A** He did not want to wait in crowded lines.
- B** he gave the boys money and went to eat a hamburger.
- C** he just got out of the car the after a two-hour drive with his family.
- D** he was more interested in the animals that were in the races.

8. Where are Mrs. Peck and Ashley going to meet the rest of the family?

- A** Giant Blast-Off
- B** Laughter Lane
- C** Funtime Street
- D** Kiddie Ride Area

9. Which is mentioned in both the story and the flyer?

- A** food
- B** tickets
- C** animals
- D** wristbands

10. In paragraph 3, the family stands still for a few minutes because they are

- A** tired after their long drive. **C** surprised by all the things to see and do.
- B** lost and cannot find a map. **D** deciding what they want to eat.

11. Why do the the boys want to go to the carnival before doing anything else?

- A** They see a man in a red shirt handing out flyers. **C** They see the rides from the parking lot.
- B** They read about all the programs at the fair. **D** They read the map with all the rides on it.

12. The author wrote this selection mainly to

- A** persuade families to go on a trip to the fair. **C** inform readers about things to see and do at the fair.
- B** entertain readers with a story about a family's trip to the fair. **D** explain why people enter animals in contests at the fair.

13. The author includes a map on the flyer in order to show the location of the

- A** food booths. **C** animal barns.
- B** game booths. **D** carnival rides.

14. In paragraph 4, Mr. Peck probably decides to eat a hamburger and relax because he

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| A had just driven two hours with his family to the state fair. | C is tired of watching people getting their animals ready for the contest. |
| B does not like homemade food or cotton candy. | D was too big to ride on the Rides at the carnival. |

15. Which resource would be most helpful to the Peck family in planning the route for their trip?

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| A an encyclopedia | C an index |
| B an almanac | D an atlas |

16. To learn more about when state fairs first started, you would probably look

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| A in a book of state maps and charts. | C in a magazine about state flowers and birds. |
| B at an article about coming events for each state. | D on the internet for the history of state events. |

17. You would most likely find a ride that made you feel as light as a feather in which box?

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| A Tower Wheel | C Sky-Ski |
| B Giant Blast-off | D Moon Bouncer |

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	State Obj.:	DOK:	ANSWER:
1.	1.2.b	2	A
2.	1.3	2	B
3.	1.3	2	C
4.	3.1.b	1	B
5.	3.1.c	2	B
6.	3.3.a	3	A
7.	3.3.b	2	B
8.	3.3.c	2	C
9.	3.4.b	2	B
10.	3.4.c	3	C
11.	4.2.a	2	C
12.	4.2.b	2	B
13.	4.2.b	2	D
14.	4.2.d	2	A
15.	5.1.a	2	D
16.	5.1.c	3	D
17.	5.1.d	2	D