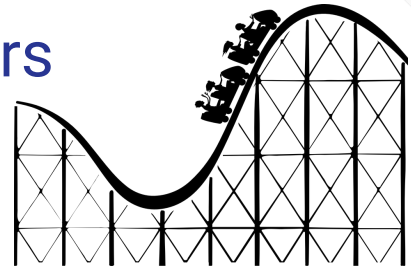
Overcoming Roller Coaster Jitters



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I was so excited when my parents told me we were going to the amusement park for the day. I had been looking forward to it all week! As soon as we got there, I could see all the rides towering above me. There were so many to choose from, but the one that caught my eye was the roller coaster, Thrill Seeker. It was the biggest and fastest ride in the park, and I couldn't wait to try it!

But, as we got closer, I started to feel a bit nervous. What if I didn't like it? What if it was too scary? My stomach was in knots as I stood in line.

When it was finally our turn to get on the roller coaster, my heart was racing. I started to panic, but my parents told me that it was okay if I didn't want to go on. They said we could find another ride that I would feel more comfortable on. But, I knew that if I didn't go on the roller coaster, I would regret it.

So, I took a deep breath and got on the ride. As we started to climb up the first big hill, I closed my eyes and held on tight. But, when we

reached the top and started to plummet down, something amazing happened. I felt like I was flying! The wind was rushing past me, and I could feel my stomach dropping. It was scary, but it was also exhilarating.

When the ride was over, I was a little dizzy but mostly just thrilled. I couldn't believe I had done it! It was scary, but it was also one of the most exciting things I had ever done.

From that day on, I knew that I didn't have to be fearless to have fun. Sometimes, being scared is just a part of the adventure.



QUESTIONS

1. What ride caught the main character's eye at the amusement park?

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2. Why did the main character feel nervous about riding the roller coaster?

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3. How did the main character feel after riding the roller coaster?

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Multiple Choice

1. What does "exhilarating" mean in the story?

   a) exciting and thrilling

   b) boring and uninteresting

   c) frightening and overwhelming

   d) depressing and sad

2. What does "regret" mean in the story?

   a) to feel happy and satisfied

   b) to feel indifferent and apathetic

   c) to feel disappointed and unhappy

   d) to feel proud and accomplished