

From Fearful to Fearless

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“Sounds good to me!” Megan happily replied. “The bumper cars can’t be too scary,” she thought. When they arrived at the park, they unbuckled their seat belts. *They got out of the van and ran across the parking lot.*

“We’re here!” they shouted. “Let’s go!” Megan was determined not to be fearful of the rides. “I just need to relax,” she thought to herself. The bumper cars were a blast! Megan began to relax.

“Now let’s ride the roller coaster!” shouted Seth. Megan was speechless.

“Come on, Megan,” Seth urged. “Just take a deep breath and you’ll be fine.” Megan followed his advice and got on the ride. They began to move. They slowly crept to the top of the first hill. Megan’s eyes widened as they sped down the first hill. She laughed as they bobbed over many more. Even though she was a bit uneasy, she overcame her fear. Megan actually enjoyed the roller coaster. She smiled as they safely dismounted the ride.

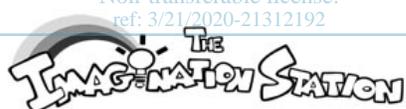
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Frustration (Below 90%) = 32 miscalls in passage	Total Words in Passage (words read) _____
Instructional (90-94%) = 18-31 miscalled words	Total Errors (miscalled words) _____
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