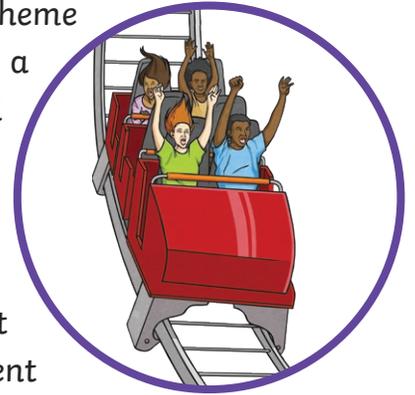


The Roller Coaster

Nahid was so excited to be back at Thrill Town. It was her favorite theme park and she loved visiting. She especially loved it when she had a good friend along with her, so she knew today was going to be a good day. Her best friend, Kato, was coming with her today, and Nahid was thrilled.



Nahid stared, beaming, as she watched the cart of the Topsy Turvy ride, filled with laughter and screaming people, zoom past with a strong gust of wind. She couldn't wait to be on that cart. She imagined the excitement of the big drop, the loops and turns and climbs. But then Nahid remembered Kato standing behind her, and saw that her friend was anxiously biting her fingernails.

"This ride is so much fun! Have you ever been on it before?" asked Nahid.

After a long pause, Kato replied, "No."

"Are you nervous?" asked Nahid.

"A little." Kato said in a shaky voice. Nahid felt disappointed. She didn't want her friend to be upset, but she really wanted to ride the roller coaster.

"If you don't want to go, that's alright. There are plenty of other things we could do," reassured Nahid.

Kato was relieved and eagerly agreed to do something else. Even though Nahid was disappointed, she was determined to make sure it was still a fun day, rollercoaster or no rollercoaster. Nahid showed Kato the arcade. They drove the bumper cars, rode on a boat cruise that ended with a big splash, and ate cotton candy.

As Nahid and Kato were heading towards the gates to go home, Kato paused and grabbed Nahid's hand. "Let's go on the Topsy Turvy ride."

"It's alright," said Nahid, "I know you don't like roller coasters."

"Yeah, but I want to try one eventually, and who better to go with than a friend like you," Kato said with a smile.

"Well alright, but if you get nervous again, just tell me," Nahid told her.

After waiting in the line, the girls slid into their seats and pulled down the harness. Nahid saw Kato's hand shaking. She grabbed it and asked, "Are you sure?"

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“Yes!” replied Kato confidentially.

Nahid held Kato’s hand through the whole ride. The girls screamed a little, and laughed a lot, as they sped through the ups and downs of the rollercoaster. When the ride was over Kato looked at Nahid, “That was amazing!” she cheered, “Let’s do it again!”



The Roller Coaster Character Analysis

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b) How would the story have been different if Nahid had shown this character trait?

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Answers

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2. How did Nahid's character traits impact Kato?

Nahid's considerate character made Kato feel safe and allowed Kato to have fun. Kato trusted Nahid and felt brave enough to try the ride.

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Selfish, inconsiderate, rude. Also accept similar answers.

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Answers

b) How would the story have been different if Nahid had shown this character trait?

- **Nahid could have made fun of Kato.**
- **Nahid could have forced Kato to go on the ride, and Kato could have not liked roller coasters because she wasn't ready to try them yet.**
- **Kato could have decided she didn't want to be friends with Nahid anymore if she was mean to her.**
- **Kato could have had a bad time at the park if Nahid just rode the rides without her.**

4. Which character changed in the story? Explain how and why they changed.

Kato changed in the story. At first she was fearful and did not want to ride the roller coaster. At the end of the story she was brave and ended up really liking the ride.