

Roller Coaster Ride

A. Reading

Patrick and Jane are at an amusement park in Miami, Florida. They are riding a roller coaster. Jane likes roller coasters, but her husband Patrick doesn't. He is afraid that the roller coaster will go off the track and crash on the concrete below. He thinks it is foolish to go on fast rides. Jane doesn't agree with her husband. She thinks roller coasters are safe because amusement parks pay a lot of money to have them maintained and repaired. The government regulates amusement park rides, and the records show that most accidents are caused by riders who don't obey the park's safety rules. Patrick is ashamed that he is afraid of fast rides, but he goes on them to make his wife happy. He wishes his wife wouldn't pressure him to go on rides he doesn't like. What should Patrick say to his wife? How can he solve his problem?



B. True or False

1. _____ Patrick likes fast rides at amusement parks.
2. _____ It is expensive to have roller coasters maintained and repaired.
3. _____ It is important to obey the park's safety rules.
4. _____ Florida is a city in Miami.
5. _____ The government doesn't regulate amusement park rides.

C. Writing – What should Patrick say to his wife? Complete the conversation below. When you finish, practice the conversation with a partner.

Jane:	Hey, let's go on the roller coaster. It looks like fun.
Patrick:	
Jane:	
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Jane:	
Patrick:	

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