ACER Certificate in Reading
Sample Question

Reading level 1
Finding Information

Fun Park

Welcome to Gallexicus Fun Park. We hope you enjoy the rides.
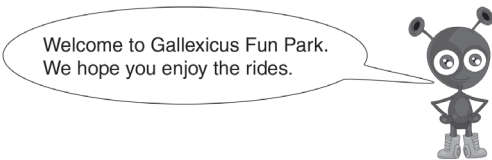
Note: All children need to satisfy both age and height restrictions.

Rides	Child accompanied by an adult		Unaccompanied child		Other restrictions	Notes
	Minimum Age	Minimum Height	Minimum Age	Minimum Height		
Galletron Power Builder	★	★	6 years	120 cm	maximum height 180 cm	③
Star Explorer	3 years	80 cm	6 years	★	maximum height 130 cm	②
Comet Express	4 years	90 cm	8 years	120 cm	–	① ③
Orbitor Ride	6 years	110 cm	10 years	120 cm	–	① ③
Galaxy Explorer	4 years	100 cm	8 years	120 cm	–	① ② ③
Crystal Mountain	4 years	100 cm	10 years	130 cm	–	③
Zorbitron's Driving School	♦	♦	7 years	★	maximum 14 years of age	①
Moon Crater	★	★	6 years	★	–	③
Lookout Tower	★	★	6 years	120 cm	Children under 3 years must be seated on an adult's lap	

Key

①	Ride not suited for people with back or neck problems.	♦	Adults cannot accompany children on this ride.
②	You will get wet.	★	No restrictions.
③	Special effects and loud music.		

A child wants to ride on the Comet Express with an adult. What is the height restriction for the child?

A   minimum 80 centimetres

B   minimum 90 centimetres

C   minimum 110 centimetres

D   minimum 120 centimetres

Answer: B. minimum 90 centimetres

Explanation

The student is required to cross-reference multiple headings in a table to locate information that is not near key words. The relevant information is in the row 'Comet Express'. The first two columns are the age and height restrictions for accompanied children and the next two are the height and age restrictions for unaccompanied children. The student must read both the question and the text carefully to be able to select the relevant cell amidst the competing information.

Text complexity

This text has mainly familiar content and structure. The main text is a table that shows the requirements to ride each attraction at a fictional fun park. There is also a smaller table that is a key to the symbols used in the main table.

The text's complexity comes mainly from the density of the information contained in the two tables and the fact that the main table cannot be understood completely without reference to the key. Additionally, there is difficult vocabulary like 'minimum', 'restrictions' and 'unaccompanied', and also non-words used as names, like 'Zorbitron', 'Orbitor' and 'Gallexicus'.