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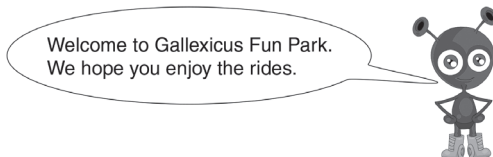## Sample Question
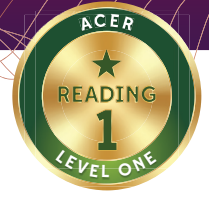
Reading level 1
Interpret Meaning

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.			

Which ride could Yusuf and Salima go on together?

A   Galletron Power Builder
B   Star Explorer
C   Orbitor Ride
D   Moon Crater

	Age	Height
Yusuf	6 years	110 centimetres
Salima	8 years	132 centimetres

Answer: D. Moon Crater

Explanation

This question requires students to deal with extensive competing information. There are four pieces of information set out in the question, all of which must be compared to the correct set of ride requirements. This in itself might run counter to the reader's expectations as the correct section is 'Unaccompanied child', despite the questions asking about two children riding together. There is also information that must be taken into account in the column 'Other restrictions'.

The structure of the table is logical and the requirements are laid out clearly, but having to compare four pieces of information to three different columns in a table entails managing a considerable amount of complexity.

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'.