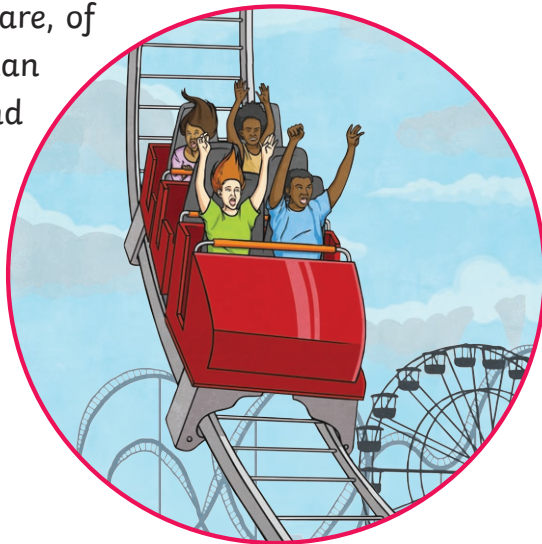


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# Quick Questions



1. When did the first well-known rollercoaster open? Where?

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2. Find and copy two words which tell you that rollercoasters are well-liked.

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3. How do rollercoasters of the past compare with the modern day?

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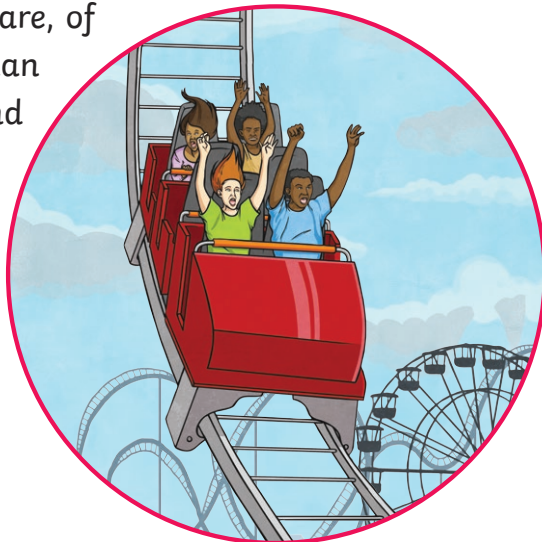
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# Answers



1. When did the first well-known rollercoaster open? Where?

**Accept: '1884' and 'New York, USA'.**



2. Find and copy two words which tell you that rollercoasters are well-liked.

**Accept 'fashionable' and '(highly) admired'**



3. How do rollercoasters of the past compare with the modern day?

**Accept an explanation that rollercoasters are faster now, they don't all run on wooden tracks and they have higher safety standards. Also accept reference to the similarity that they still run on tracks and are popular.**



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**Accept any reasonable summary written in 20 words or less.**