

John is reading a news article about Adventure Park.

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## Frog Hopper breaks down at Adventure Park

Ivy Wong, Hong Kong

5 Four children and one parent were left stranded for more than ten minutes when their ride stopped working in mid-air. The visitors were rescued unharmed, although some of the children experienced heat exhaustion.

10 The Frog Hopper, a children's ride that bounces up and down, broke down around noon yesterday. One mother along with four children aged between 5 and 9 were asked to wait under the blazing sun while workers tried to solve the problem. Staff and parents on the ground looked **on edge** when the ride moved down slowly. Later, workers used a long ladder to bring the visitors to safety.

15 It is believed that a power failure caused the breakdown. Staff at Adventure Park claimed that this was the first mechanical malfunction they had experienced since the park opened six years ago. 'We have not had any problems with our rides before. We check our rides four times a day to ensure they are safe and working like they should.' The park has re-opened the ride to the public today.


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1. Circle the by-line.
2. Underline the lead paragraph.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A** Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

-  1. How long were the riders stranded on the ride?
- A. four minutes
  - B. six minutes
  - C. ten minutes
  - D. twelve minutes

2. Who is Ivy Wong?
- A. a parent
  - B. a reporter
  - C. a staff at Adventure Park
  - D. John's mother

-  3. Read line 12. What does 'on edge' mean?
- A. bored
  - B. calm
  - C. happy
  - D. nervous



The by-line consists of the reporter or writer of the article and the city where he or she is reporting from.

**B** Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Why did Frog Hopper break down?

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5. How often do the maintenance workers check the rides?

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**C** Complete the diary entry with the words from the text. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

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I was at Adventure Park with my classmates today. The weather was hot as the sun was ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.). We saw a crowd near Frog Hopper so we walked there. The ride wasn't moving at that time. Some staff climbed up a long ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (n.) to save the people on it. Later, I found out the reason for the mechanical ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (n.) from the news. It was caused by a power failure. What a hair-raising experience!