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Level 22
Running Words 736 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)
Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why were the children excited about this holiday?
2 Why was the spaceship low on fuel?
3 How did Mum know they could get fuel at the new planet?

Inferential

4 Why was the family travelling in a spaceship?
5 Why was Dad's voice quiet when he peered at the control screen?
6 Why did Dad press buttons on the control screen?
7 Why didn't anyone speak when Mum and Dad were trying to get the spaceship out of the path of the asteroid?
8 Why did Dad make contact with someone before they tried to land on the new planet?

Applied Knowledge

9 How did they know the new planet might be a safe place for humans?
10 Who and what could have been living on the new planet?

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Level 22	Book	Procedure	*Race Through Space!*
Level 22	Book	Narrative	*Zac's New Act*
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Chapter 1

On the Way to Planet Fun

"This is going to be a great holiday!" said Anna.

"I can't wait," said Jake.
"We haven't been on a holiday for ages."



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Anna and Jake were travelling in a spaceship
to Planet Fun with their parents.
They were going to be away for two weeks.

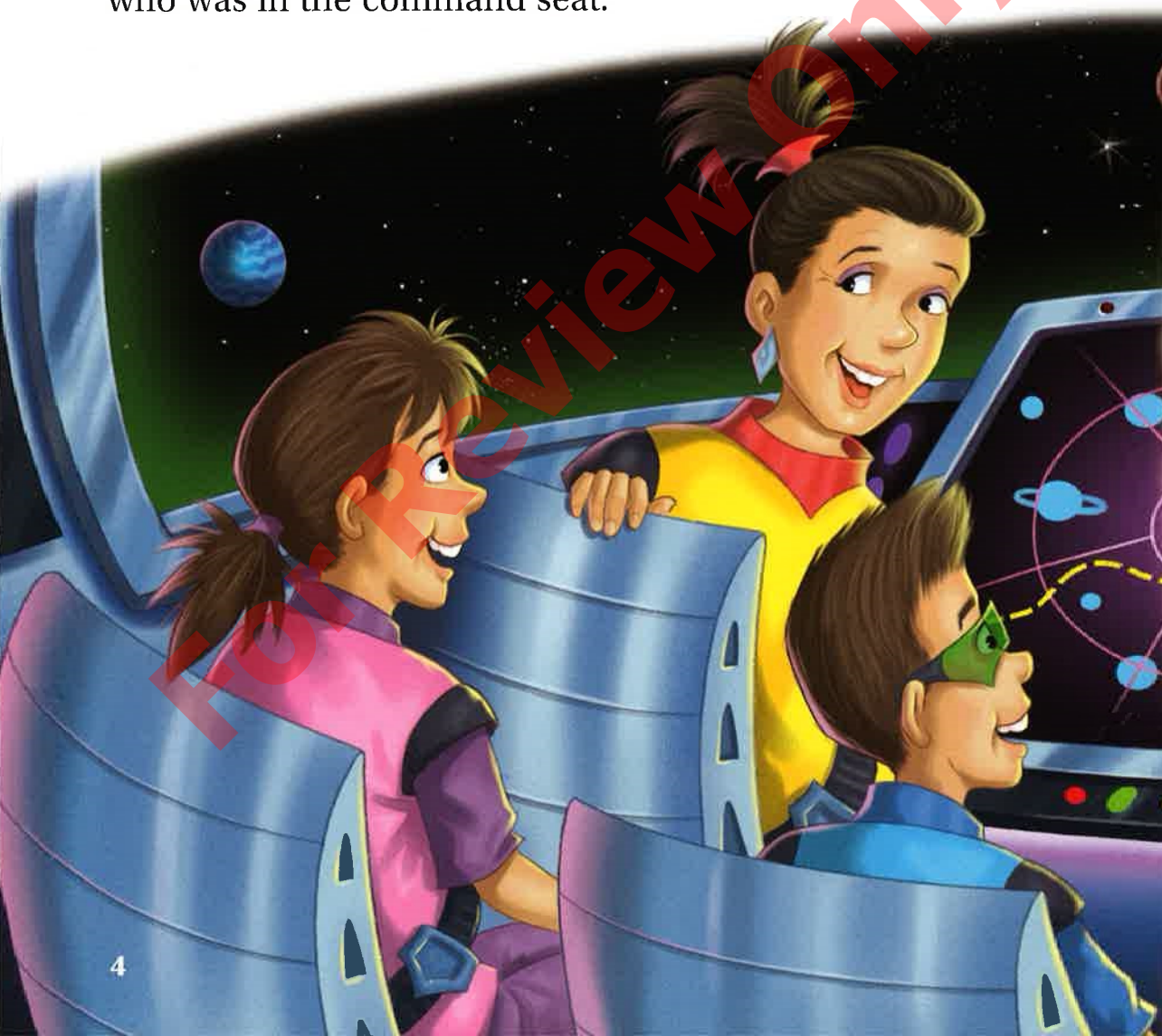


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The children were very excited,
because it was their first visit to this planet.

"How long until we get there, Mum?" asked Anna.

"Just a few more hours," replied Mum,
who was in the command seat.



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"We'll be there before you know it," said Dad, as he checked some controls in front of him.

"I wish we were there now," said Jake.



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"Tell us again what the planet is like, Mum," said Anna.

"Well," said Mum, "Planet Fun is like a giant adventure park.
It has thousands of rides.
One of the roller-coaster rides is huge.
It is taller than the tallest building on our planet."



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"Wow!" said Jake. "That sounds scary.
Will you come on that ride with me, Dad?"

Dad nodded. "We can all go on it if you want to," he said.

"I'd like to have a ride on the famous Ferris wheel,"
said Mum, smiling.
"It's so big that the top of it reaches the clouds."

"Let's all go on that one, too!" said Jake.



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