Awake in the Dark!



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PM Early Chapters

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Level 23

Running Words	Complete text	856
Reading Record	Pages 6–9	217

Key Teaching Points

- Familiarise students with activities that take place at a holiday camp.
- Ensure students retain meaning when reading complex sentence structures.
- Encourage oral reading with expression to convey meaning.

Key Questions

- Why do you think Cody slept on the bottom bunk? *(Inferential)*
- What was each boy worried about on the first night? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think Dad said that Cody was dreaming (on page 19)? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think Dad made the boys stay behind him (on page 20)? *(Inferential)*
- Explain why noises at night can make you feel scared. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Expand irregular verbs in the text; e.g. *spin, spinning, spun.*
- Write synonyms for these words: *snuffle, creak.*
- Make a list of prepositions that begin with *be-*; e.g. *behind, below, beside.*

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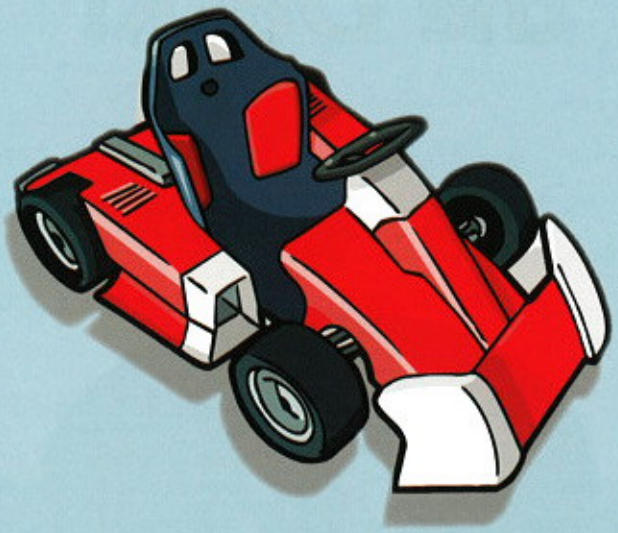
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Chapter 1

Driving the Go-karts



Cody and Theo were on their way to a holiday camp in the country. As Cody's dad drove along the dusty road, the boys talked excitedly about the things that they could do at camp.

"I want to go kayaking!" exclaimed Theo.

"I've always wanted to drive a go-kart," grinned Cody.

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Dad drove the car up a drive, and parked it alongside a big building.

"This must be the camp kitchen and dining room," said Cody, as the boys climbed out of the car.

"And that other building must be where they have games and concerts," added Theo.



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"You're just in time for lunch," called the camp leader, who had come over to meet them. "But first I'll take you to your cabin. You're all in Cabin 5, and this afternoon it's your turn for the go-karts."

"The go-karts!" shouted Cody. "Quick, Theo. Let's get our things organised, and have lunch!"



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After lunch, Theo, Cody and Dad put on their safety helmets and walked to the go-kart track.

"I hope my leg will fit in the kart," said Cody, looking worried.

"It will," said Theo reassuringly, "and you'll be able to use your other leg for the pedals. Come on, let's have a practice drive."

"Now, not too fast to begin with," said the instructor. "Get the feel of the steering, and the brakes."

"Great!" shouted Theo, as he and Cody came out of the first corner.

"Oh, no!" shouted Dad, as he spun his kart right off the track.