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A Dragon For Hailey

by Roy Kindelberger

Hailey gazes up into wispy
clouds.
A light breeze ruffles her
hair.

Fire blazes over the
horizon.
Illuminates the mountain
tops.

Hailey places her hand above her
eyes.
"What in the world?" Her mind
wanders.

Something coils back and forth,
twirls.
A swimming dragon sweeps gently across the
sky.

Hailey's eyes wide, watches as it whirls toward
her.
Hailey frozen, opens her mouth and closes it,
wonders.

The dragon gently lands next to
Hailey.
The dragon snorts, smokes and nods its
head.

Hailey climbs aboard, gazes forward then whispers,
"Wow!"
Dragon launches, soars, swirls, and spins
skyward.

Hailey smiles, dragon sets the sky
afire.
*I hope this isn't a dream. Yet so
dreamy.*

Hailey and dragon continue their spiral toward
nightfall.
A new journey, over the mountains to which neither
knows.



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4. What clue in the third stanza lets the reader know that Hailey does not see a real dragon in the sky?

5. Choose the word that best describes the movements of the dragon. Then write three words from the poem on the lines below that helped you select that answer.

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a. very thin and light

2. illuminates

b. sends something into the air

3. wispy

c. a line where the earth and sky meet

4. gazes

d. winds in circles

5. launches

e. looks long and steadily

6. coils

f. shines with light

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When Hailey sees the dragon she is actually looking at clouds in the sky that remind her of the shape of a dragon.

4. What clue in the third stanza lets the reader know that Hailey does not see a real dragon in the sky?

In the third stanza, an important clue that lets the reader know that Hailey does not see a real dragon in the sky is the phrase, "Her mind wanders." This tells the reader that she is beginning to drift into a daydream.

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Accept any of the following: twirls; whirls; swirls; swimming; sweeps; gently; soars; spins

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