

"Everyone stick with your group, and remember the first check-in will be in one hour," Mrs. Grayson said. She looked at Ashley and Michelle. "Are we heading to the Twister first?"

Ashley, Tina, Beth, and Shauna nodded excitedly. Michelle gulped.

The others stepped off the bus, and Mrs. Grayson whispered, "I'm nervous, too."

Michelle nodded. At least she wasn't the only one.

Ashley dropped back and grabbed Michelle's arm. "I'm so scared to ride the

Twister. I heard the first drop is awful, and my sister's friend said she threw up after all the twists and loops."

"We could go on another ride," Michelle said, blurting the words out.

Ashley shook her head. "No way. I can't wait to ride the Twister!"

"But you just said you were scared."

"Being scared is what makes it fun. Would you want to go on a baby ride that

goes really slow and just turns in a big circle?"

"No. That's boring."

"Exactly. It's boring because it's not scary."

Maybe Ashley was right. Michelle looked at the ride operator at the front of the



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Michelle took a deep breath. "Let's go."

"Are you sure?" Mrs. Grayson asked.

"It'll be really scary, but if we're going to ride the Twister, we may as well get the

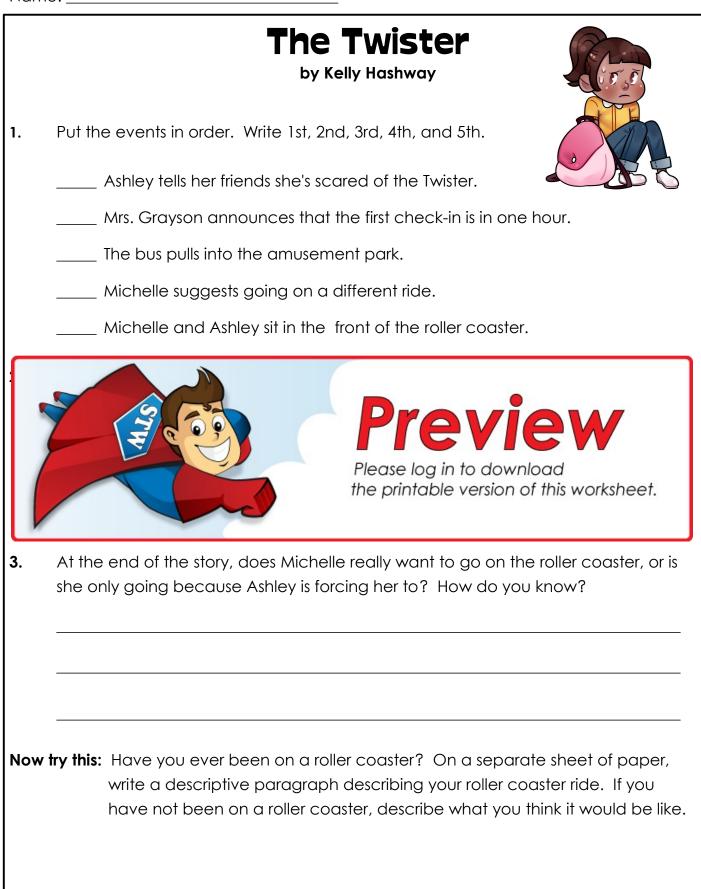
best seats." Michelle led her group to the front of the line and sat down in the first seat.

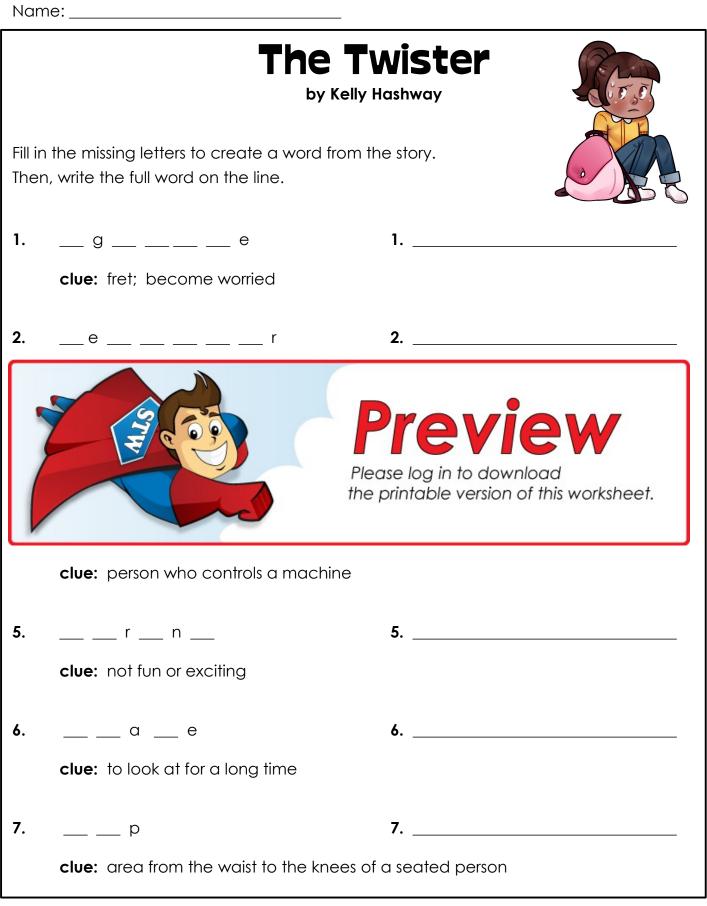
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"Enjoy the ride," the operator said.

Michelle nodded. "We will."

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## The Twister

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In the story, "The Twister," Michelle is afraid to ride the roller coaster, but soon she discovers that it's okay to be afraid when you try something new. By the end of the story, she is ready to ride the roller coaster, even though she is afraid.

On the lines below describe a time when you were afraid to try something. Did you do it anyway? Why or why not?





## **ANSWER KEY**

