

## Year 4 Reading Comprehension

### The Cyan Scooter



Robbie gulped as he peered over the edge of the ramp. Had it always been this high up? His hand trembled as he wiped a bead of sweat from his forehead.

"Go on, Rob!" called his brother, Fred, from the safety of the ground. He looked like an ant to Robbie. "You're not too scared are you?"

Robbie took a deep breath and gritted his teeth. "You can do this," he told himself. After all, he was the best scooter rider in his school. He was the only scooter rider that could do a tailwhip! Even Cady in year 6 couldn't do that and she could do amazing tricks like grinds. Joey in Robbie's class could do a handlebar spin, but that was about it. No, Robbie was definitely the best scooter rider in school. And he'd zoomed down ramps before, plenty of times. So why was this one scaring him so much?

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His new scooter was an eye-catching shade of cyan – it looked like a mix of the colour of the shallows where the sea meets the sand and the colour of Robbie's favourite blueberry-flavoured sweets. It even had glitter in the paint which shimmered like fairy dust in the sunlight. He had loved having everybody look at his new scooter when he first got it, but now suddenly he felt as if he were standing on stage under a blinding spotlight. Every face in the skatepark was turned towards him, including Dad's.

Dad had spent a lot of money on the scooter, but he'd spent something even more valuable on Robbie: time. He had spent hours in the back yard with Robbie, teaching him how to do all kinds of tricks and stunts. He had never seen Robbie in the skatepark though because he worked a lot. There was a first time for everything.

"Get on with it!" someone shouted from the growing crowd.

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Robbie swallowed again and caught his dad's eye. His heart was beating as fast as a drum. Dad gave a small nod and an encouraging smile, too small for anyone else to see but Robbie. Pride swelling in his chest, Robbie gripped the handlebars tightly and leaned forward. It didn't matter if he fell; Dad was watching. Dad would be proud of him no matter what.

With one strong push of his foot, Robbie leapt off the top of the ramp and plunged into the air with all the bravery of a soldier leaping from a warplane.

## Questions

Robbie gulped as he peered over the edge of the ramp. Had it always been this high up? His hand trembled as he wiped a bead of sweat from his forehead.

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a) Which word best describes how Robbie is feeling?

- determined
- nervous
- brave

b) How do you know?

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2

Draw lines to match the character to their description.

Robbie

This character is Robbie's brother.

Cady

This character can do a handlebar spin.

Joey

This character is the best scooter rider in the school.

Dad

This character taught Robbie how to do tricks.

Fred

This character can do amazing tricks like grinds.

He looked like an ant to Robbie.

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Why does Fred look like an ant?

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What colour is cyan? Circle the correct answer.

green

red

yellow

blue

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Find and copy one simile from the text.

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What valuable thing had Dad spent on Robbie?

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Why does Robbie feel as if he is on stage?

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