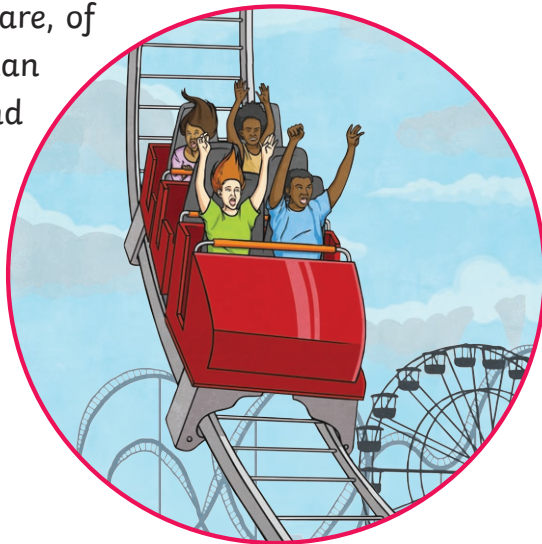


Rollercoasters

9 The rollercoaster has been a fashionable ride for many
17 years, with one of the first recorded rollercoasters
26 opening in Paris in 1817. Historically, it is believed
35 that the rollercoaster was inspired by sledging on the
43 icy Russian Mountains. The popularity of the coaster
53 did not spread initially. It wasn't until 1884 that the
60 first notable and highly admired rollercoaster was
70 opened in New York, USA, with a runaway train style
80 ride. The coaster ran on wooden tracks and was an
82 instant success.

91 Today, a rollercoaster track can either be a complete
98 circuit or a shuttle-track, allowing the cars —
106 individual or multiple — to run in both directions.
110 Modern rollercoasters are, of
114 course, much faster than
118 the original models and
121 safety standards have
123 notably increased
125 since then.



Quick Questions



1. When did the first well-known rollercoaster open? Where?



2. Find and copy two words which tell you that rollercoasters are well-liked.



3. How do rollercoasters of the past compare with the modern day?



4. Summarise the information about the original rollercoasters in 20 words or less.
