

The Family Outing

(Sam and Faith are on their way to a family outing at Willaby Castle with their Mum and Dad. They both think they are too old for a 'family outing' and to complicate matters further, they don't get on at all.)

Faith: Big deal, family outing!

Dad: There are plenty of children who would love to go on a trip to Willaby. I hear it's great fun with lots of different things to do.

Sam: What sort of things?

Mum: Well there is an old castle...

Faith: Old castle! Boring! Do we really have to go round some crumbly ruin of a castle?

Mum: Well I think Dad would like to look round the old castle.

Sam: What other things are there?

Dad: There is a petting corner...

Sam and Faith: Too young!

Dad: All right, all right, give me a chance. There's a steam railway...

Faith: Steam railway! That's all you ever want to see Dad! There just happen to be steam railways everywhere we go. Why can't we go skiing like Jenny's family do? They aren't half as boring as us!

Mum: You know we can't afford that. Anyway, I think it would be very cold and you might hurt yourself.

Sam: What other things are there?

Dad: If you just give me a chance then I will tell you. There's a 'Bats' Cave'.

Sam: I don't like bats!

Faith: Loser!

Dad: There's a high wire walk and a fun pool.

Mum: And a nice little teashop!

Faith: Can we go on the high wire walk first?

Dad: We'll see.

Sam: Has the pool got a slide?

Dad: Yes, one of those long ones inside a tube. Remember the one we went to in Keswick last year?

Sam: Can we go to the pool first?

Faith: Why can't we go on the high wire walk? I asked first.

Mum: I think we will go to the teashop first. I will be desperate for a cuppa when we get there.

Faith: That's not fair. We will have been stuck in this stuffy little car for two hours by then. You must let us choose the first thing we do!

Sam: I want to go to the pool first!

Faith: I want to go to the high wire walk first!

Mum: I know, let's toss a coin, heads we go to the pool first and tails we go to the high wire first.

(Mum rummages through her handbag and finds a coin.)

Mum: Here we are, one, two, three and catch.

Faith: What is it? What is it?

Mum: Heads.

Faith: That's not fair! Can we make it best of three?

Sam: That wouldn't be fair! That's just giving in to her. You do that all the time!

Mum: Anything for peace!

(Dad suddenly brings the car to a violent halt by the side of the road.)

Dad: Right, I've had enough. Mum will take Sam to the pool first. I will take Faith on the high wire first. Is that fair?

Mum: But I don't want to get my hair wet!

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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Mum, Dad, Sam and Faith are driving to Willaby Castle for a family day out. Dad said

1 many all some plenty of

children would love to go to Willaby Castle. Faith said an old castle would be

2 great fun amazing boring terrible

to visit. Sam and Faith agreed the petting corner would be

3 too dirty. too young. too smelly. too expensive.

Mum said they couldn't go skiing because

4 it was abroad. it took too long.

we can't afford it. we wouldn't like it.

Faith wanted to go to the

5 bat's cave high wire walk fun pool steam railway

first. Sam wanted to go to the

6 bat's cave high wire walk fun pool steam railway

first. Mum decided to toss a coin but the children still could not agree. Dad got angry!

Section B

1 'Big deal, family outing!' What do you think Faith is really saying in this sentence?

faith is saying like wow a family outing it not that important

2 What was Faith implying when she talked about the steam railway? she was implying that they are every where and are really boring

3 What reasons did Mum give for not going skiing?

they cant afford it

4 Faith called Sam a loser because he did not like bats. Why do you think she did this?

may be cause she was scared of them and didn't want to see them

5 Mum wanted to go to the teashop first. Why did the children not consider this?

because they thought it would be boring to just sit in a teashop and do nothing

6 How would you describe Faith's attitude when the coin landed on 'heads'? she was very selfish and stubborn because sam got to choosefirst

7 Which of the following suggests Faith did not want to go on the family visit? Give reasons for your choices.

she wanted too do something else

'Why can't we go skiing?'

'Can we go on the high wire walk first?'

'crumbly ruin of a castle' 'You must let us choose the first thing we do'

8 How do you think Dad felt when Mum said, "But I don't want to get my hair wet!"

oh my goodness they are all arguing now he also probably felt angry cause # they just found a soulution

Section C

Imagine you are Dad. Write a short playscript in which Dad resolves the problem of what to do next.