

1. Tick which sentence explains what “a rite of passage for children” means.

A passage that a child travels through to get to a fairground.

An event that marks a major milestone or significant experience in a person's life, that is very memorable to them

An argument that people have about children.

2. According to the text, state three things that make a visit to the fairground unforgettable.

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3. Why do you think showmen wanted to show items from the popular culture of the time?

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4. What does the phrase ‘began to rise in popularity’ mean?

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5. What did Frederick Savage invent?

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6. What else has the Carousel been called in the past?

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7. Why do you think that fairs were an important feature of the holiday calendar in both urban and rural places all over the UK? Give two different reasons.

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- a loud noise, especially that of people shouting or insisting about something

9. Name two items that the Silcocks showcased in their original travelling fair.

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10. How have the Silcock family ensured people still visit their travelling fair?

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## Questions

DIFFICULTY : HARD

True

False

9. Fairgrounds still exist today.

10. According to the text, tick all of the places where there are still fairgrounds today.  
(2 marks)

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Blackpool

Glasgow

Disneyland

Coney Island

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Alton Towers

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Children state three of the following:

the music, the games, the fluffiness and sweet taste of the candyfloss or the thrill of the exciting rides

Do not accept something that is not directly derived from the text.

3. Why do you think showmen wanted to show items from the popular culture of the time?

They wanted to attract large crowds to come and visit the fair so they showcased the newest and most exciting elements of popular culture. They wanted lots of people to come to the fair, so they would spend money.

4. What does the phrase ‘began to rise in popularity’ mean?

It means that something or someone is becoming more popular/ more people are interested in something or someone.

5. What did Frederick Savage invent?

He invented a steam engine mounted in the centre of a ride that powered the fairground ride.



**6. What else has the Carousel been called in the past?**

Any of the following terms – English Gallopers/ Gallopers/ Dobbies.

**7. Why do you think that fairs were an important feature of the holiday calendar in both urban and rural places all over the UK? Give two different reasons.**

7. Two reasons similar to the following: They were popular as they were entertaining and a fun place for families to go and spend their weekend together / Families would enjoy the rides and amusements / It gave them a place to visit with their whole family / People enjoyed spending their free time and money there / It provided a place and thing to do for the whole community to enjoy public holidays / People would see items from popular culture that were the latest trends, so they would see things they had never seen before / People did not have TVs or the internet at the time, so couldn't learn about some of the popular things exhibited at the fair / People in rural places will have really enjoyed going to a fair as it allowed them to explore and be entertained by things that are not usually in their villages as they lived a long way from the cities.

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Name two of the following:

A set of swings, a children's ride, a barrel organ or a set of Gallopers (Carousel)

**10. How have the Silcock family ensured people still visit their travelling fair?**

The Silcocks have evolved and developed the business to keep it relevant. They make sure that their business reflects what the modern culture likes and enjoys, and is what people want to have and see at their fairground e.g. video arcade games or fast food kiosks.

# Answers

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Two marks for all 4. One mark for three ticks. No marks if any incorrect places ticked.

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