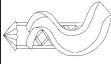


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Water Slides



I had never ridden down Torpedo before. Just looking up at someone sliding down was enough to make my knees quiver and my hands sweat. It had a vertical leap that plunged you into a dark tunnel and then launched you into a pool at the end. Most of my friends raved about how amazing a ride down Torpedo was. It was time to face my fear. Smitty had challenged me to ride Torpedo twice in a row and win a giant hot fudge sundae- his treat. Could I muster up enough courage? The day arrived and Torpedo stared me in the face. The time to ride was now or never.

Language Practice

Write the letter of the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word on the left. Use context clues from the reading passage to help you.

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| _____ quiver | a. bravery |
| _____ vertical | b. straight-up |
| _____ plunged | c. build |
| _____ muster | d. dropped |
| _____ courage | e. shake |

Comprehension Practice

1. What is "Torpedo" in the passage?

2. What challenge did Smitty make?

3. What is meant by "Torpedo stared me in the face"?

Think and Respond

How do you get over something you are extremely afraid of?
