Some amusement parks have bumper-car rides. People sit inside the small cars. They wear safety belts. People can turn the cars in different directions. The cars slip and slide around on a shiny metal floor. The cars bump into other cars. The cars bump into the wall around the track. The cars have rubber bumpers around them. The rubber bumpers keep people safe. Do you think it sounds like fun to ride in a bumper car?
Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What can a bumper-car do?
   a) drive underwater
   b) bump into other bumper-cars and the wall
   c) fly

2. Where is the setting, or place, where you can go on a bumper-car ride?
   a) your home
   b) an amusement park
   c) an airport

3. What can a bumper car probably NOT do?
   a) slip and slide
   b) turn in different directions
   c) drive on the road

4. What is “A Bumpy Ride” mostly about?
   a) race cars
   b) amusement parks
   c) bumper-cars
5. A) What does a bumper car have to keep riders safe?

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B) Draw a picture of a bumper car. Be sure to include its safety features!
6. What did you learn from “A Bumpy Ride”?  

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7. **Class Discussion Question:** Explain how rubber bumpers on the bumper-cars help keep people safe on the ride.
Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students’ progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

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**Suggested answer:** rubber bumpers (and safety belts)

**B) Draw a picture of a bumper car. Be sure to include its safety features!**

**Suggested answer:** Student’s pictures should include a small car with bumpers around the edge and people inside. Exceptional pictures will also show the riders wearing a seatbelt.

6. **Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.**

What did you learn from “A Bumpy Ride”?

**Suggested answer:** Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.

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**Class Discussion Question:** Explain how rubber bumpers on the bumper-cars help keep people safe on the ride.

**Suggested answer:** The rubber bumpers help the cars bounce off of the other cars and walls when they crash into each other.