

Super Sport: Ronny Meyer

Ronny Meyer, a ninth grader from New Orleans, Louisiana, is a super diver.



He has won 38 of 46 events since he began diving in AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) competition five years ago.

His honors include winning three gold medals in national Junior Olympic competition. He has also been a national and international age group champ.

Ronnie practices two or three times a week during the school year. In the summer he goes to camp where he dives in morning and afternoon sessions. When he is home from camp, he dives every day in his backyard pool or at meets.

He also enjoys tennis and plays on his school's basketball team.

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Carnival Talk



Photo by Jebb Harris

This fair-goer and her mother are trying their luck at "hanky pank" or a game of skill.

Many fairs have carnivals or traveling shows brought in to draw the crowds.

Carnival people have certain words that have a special meaning to them.

Below is some carnival language.

- Mark** — customer.
- Build a tip** — draw a crowd.
- Tip in a mark** — draw a crowd into a show.
- Jenny** — merry-go-round.
- Grab stands** — quick lunch counters.
- A red hot** — a town that turns out good crowds.
- Mitt camps** — booths run by fortune tellers.
- Punk rack** — a row of furry animal prizes.
- Still date** — a town where the carnival plays alone without benefit of a fair.
- Jackpots** — bull sessions where carnival people gather to talk.
- The Man** — the carnival owner.

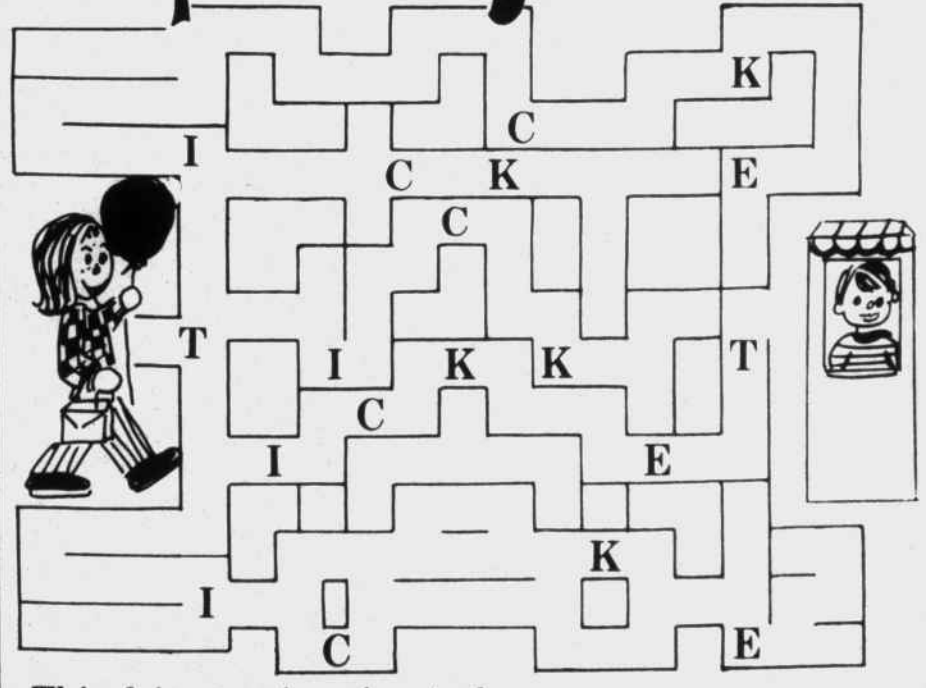
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Spelling Maze



This fair-goer is going to buy a _____

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Setting up the Carnival

Loading the carnival train takes a lot of planning. Each piece of equipment has a special place.



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Setting up a carnival takes skill. A "lot" man goes to the site and maps out where each ride and eating place is to be located.

Running a traveling show takes a lot of power. Thousands of feet of cable carry power to where it is needed. Some shows carry their own generators

Many of the people who work for the carnival travel on the train. Others travel in their own trailers and park near the show site.

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