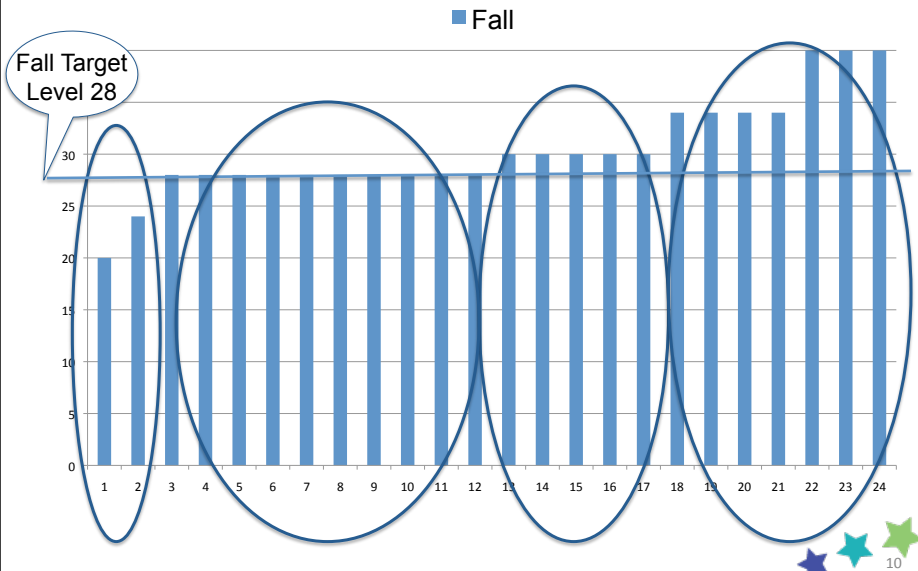


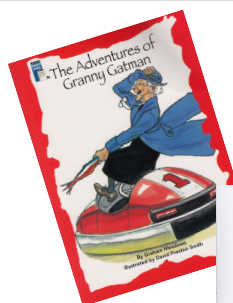
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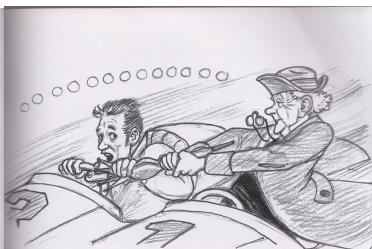
## Example Level 28 Book

Ellen groaned. She knew now that trouble was on the way. And there was nothing they could do about it.

So Ellen, Ken, and Granny climbed into the bumper cars. Granny settled in her seat and set her umbrella beside her with the handle sticking out. And then they were off.



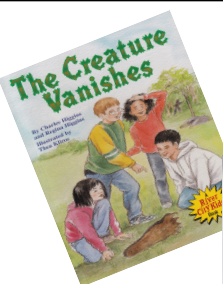
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Everything would have been fine if it hadn't been for Granny Gatman's umbrella. As they were rounding out their fifth trip around the circular track, the umbrella handle became caught in the steering wheel of a passing bumper car. The driver of the other car tried to pry it loose, but Granny Gatman was too quick for him.

"My umbrella!" she yelled. And she grabbed the pointed end with both hands and held on tight.

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## Example Level 38 Book

"Who is the message from?" asked Mrs. Delgado.

Susan moved the screen down. "It's from Dr. Carl Vincent."

"Carl Vincent?" Dr. Williams said. "I know him! He works with our lab. He also teaches a course at the college on cryptozoology."

"I know what zoology is," Wendy said. "That's the study of animals. I've never heard of *cryptozoology*, though."

"Well, *crypto* means 'hidden or mysterious,'" Susan told her.

"I knew that," Steve added. "The codes my grandfather and I use to send secret messages to each other are also called cryptography. Papa Tito told me that means 'hidden writing.'"

"That's right," Dr. Williams said. "Cryptozoology is the study of animals that we can't always see. Sometimes cryptozoologists try to discover whether or not an animal really exists. Many people say they've seen a strange creature in Loch Ness. That's a lake in Scotland. Cryptozoologists have even explored the lake, looking for it."

"That's just like Bigfoot!" Steve said. "A lot of people don't believe Bigfoot really exists, even though lots of people say they've seen him."

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"Dr. Vincent says he's seen Bigfoot," Luke said excitedly, "and he studies creatures like Bigfoot. I want to meet Dr. Vincent!"

"Me, too!" added Steve.

"OK, OK," Dr. Williams said, laughing. "I'll call him right now." She moved to a corner of the room, took out her portable telephone, and punched in a number.

Karen had been thinking. "Mrs. Delgado," she asked, "how can a cryptozoologist study an animal if no one has really seen it?"

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