About the Story

Albert Is Not Scared is a book about a mouse's day at an “amousement” park. Albert seems scared to go on rides that go up and down or left and right. But there is a surprise!

Words to Learn

DIRECTION WORDS
up, down, left, right, across, through, around, toward, backward, forward.

OTHER WORDS
shrieked, tilted, gasped, terrified.

About the Math

Spatial words describing direction are used in the story. Your child can learn:

• How to notice the direction in which objects are going.
• How to describe the direction in which objects are going by using words such as around, toward, up, and down.

Math Talk During Reading

PRACTICE USING THE DIRECTION WORDS
Is the roller coaster going forward or backward? What direction is the pirate ship moving?

EXPLORE THE ILLUSTRATIONS
Can you find the arrow? Which direction is it pointing?

IMAGINE HOW THE RIDES AND CHARACTERS ARE MOVING
Let’s close our eyes and imagine how the ride looks when it goes up. Now imagine how it looks when it goes down.

CONNECT THE STORY TO THE CHILD’S LIFE
Have you ever been to an amusement park? Were you afraid of anything?

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments too!

Activity After Reading

This book includes suggested activities at the end. Try out some of the activities after reading!