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A carousel, also called a merry-go-round, is a fairground ride with beautifully painted horses that move up and down as the ride spins in a circle. The horses are attached to poles, and the ride plays cheerful music. A long time ago, carousels were powered by people or animals walking in circles, but today they use electricity. Many young children love riding carousels because they are gentle and fun.

What is another
name for a carousel?

How did carousels
move in the past?

How have carousels
changed?

It costs £2 to ride. You
have £6, how many
times can you go on it?

Ble es ti?





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The carousel is one of the oldest and most famous fairground rides. It first became popular in Europe hundreds of years ago, when knights used spinning wooden horses to practice their jousting skills. These early carousels were powered by horses or strong men pushing the ride in circles. Over time, carousels became a funfair attraction, decorated with hand-carved and painted animals, usually horses, but sometimes elephants, lions, or even carriages. Today, most carousels use electricity and have bright lights and music to make them even more exciting.

How did knights use early carousels?

How were early carousels powered?

How have carousels changed?

The ride costs £2.50. You have £10. How many tickets can you buy?

Ble es ti?





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The **carousel** has a long and fascinating history, dating back to the 17th century. The word **carousel** comes from an old Italian word meaning "little war," because early versions were training devices for knights. By the 1800s, carousels had become a popular fairground attraction, with beautifully **hand-carved** wooden horses that moved up and down as they spun. Skilled craftsmen carefully carved and painted each horse to look realistic and elegant. Some carousels, like the famous **Gallopers** in the UK, have horses that turn in the opposite direction of American carousels! Today, modern carousels can be found in theme parks, shopping malls, and even city centres, often decorated with bright lights, mirrors, and classic fairground music.

What does the word "carousel" mean, and why was it first used?

How have carousels changed?

How has the use of carousels changed over time?

Ble est ti ar y penwythnos?

A family ticket costs £10 for 4 people. Normally the tickets are £3 a person. How much money do you save?



