

Power outage at Universal Studios Japan leaves 35 riders stranded

Vocabulary

to be stranded

to be stuck

a power outage

a capacity

Article

A total of 35 people were left stranded on a roller coaster at Universal Studios Japan in Osaka on Friday afternoon after a power outage caused the ride to stop, but no injuries have been reported, according to the park's operator.

Staff rescued those stuck on the "Hollywood Dream - The Ride" roller coaster, which stopped near the highest point on its tracks, the park said.

The ride, which has a capacity of 36 persons, is known for its sharp drop from a height of around 43 meters.

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Quiz

1. 35 people were injured on a roller coaster. True or False?
2. Where did the roller coaster stop?

Conversation

A: What happened?! Why aren't we moving? Oh my god we're going to die!

B: Calm down! It looks like there's been a power cut. All the lights have gone off.

A: Are you sure? How long do we have to hang here upside down?!

B: I don't know, but I hope it's not long because I think I need the toilet.

Discussion

1. Have you ever been to an amusement park?
2. Do you like roller coasters? What's the best, or worst, ride you've been on?
3. Have you ever experienced a power outage, typhoon, earthquake, etc.?
4. Are you a risk taker? In what situations do you put yourself at risk?