

# STAR WARS<sup>®</sup>

## READY, SET, PODRACE!



BEGINNING  
1  
TO READ

Simon Beecroft

# READERS

## Pre-level 1

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Fishy Tales  
Colourful Days  
Garden Friends  
Party Fun  
In the Park  
Farm Animals

Petting Zoo  
Let's Make Music  
Meet the Dinosaurs  
Duck Pond Dip  
My Dressing-up Box  
On the Move

## Level 1

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A Day at Greenhill Farm  
Truck Trouble  
Tale of a Tadpole  
Surprise Puppy!  
Duckling Days  
A Day at Seagull Beach  
Whatever the Weather  
Busy Buzzy Bee  
Big Machines  
Wild Baby Animals  
A Bed for the Winter  
Born to be a Butterfly  
Dinosaur's Day  
Feeding Time

Diving Dolphin  
Rockets and Spaceships  
My Cat's Secret  
First Day at Gymnastics  
A Trip to the Zoo  
I Can Swim!  
A Trip to the Library  
A Trip to the Dentist  
I Want to Be a Ballerina  
Animal Hide and Seek  
Submarines and Submersibles  
Animals at Home  
LEGO: Trouble at the Bridge  
LEGO: Secret at Dolphin Bay  
Star Wars: What is a Wookiee?

## Level 2

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Dinosaur Dinners  
Firefighter!  
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!  
Slinky, Scaly Snakes!  
Animal Hospital  
The Little Ballerina  
Munching, Crunching, Sniffing  
and Snooping  
The Secret Life of Trees  
Winking, Blinking, Wiggling  
and Wagging  
Astronaut: Living in Space  
Twisters!  
Holiday! Celebration Days  
around the World  
The Story of Pocahontas  
Horse Show  
Survivors: The Night the  
Titanic Sank  
Eruption! The Story of Volcanoes  
The Story of Columbus

Journey of a Humpback Whale  
Amazing Buildings  
Feathers, Flippers and Feet  
Outback Adventure: Australian  
Holiday  
Sniffles, Sneezes, Hiccups and  
Coughs  
Let's Go Riding  
I Want to Be a Gymnast  
Starry Sky  
Earth Smart: How to Take Care  
of the Environment  
Water Everywhere  
Telling the Time  
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LEGO: Rocket Rescue  
Star Wars: Journey Through Space  
Spider-Man: Worst Enemies  
Meet the X-Men  
Star Wars: A Queen's Diary

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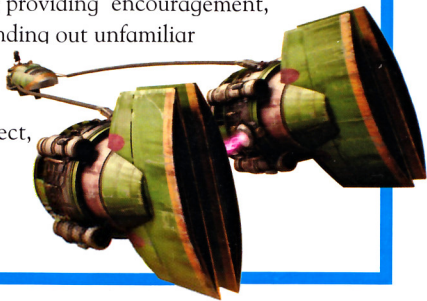
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**Level 3:** Reading alone

**Level 4:** Proficient readers

The 'normal' age at which a child begins to read can be anywhere from three to eight years old. Adult participation through the lower levels is very helpful for providing encouragement, discussing storylines and sounding out unfamiliar words.

No matter which level you select, you can be sure that you are helping your child learn to read, then read to learn!





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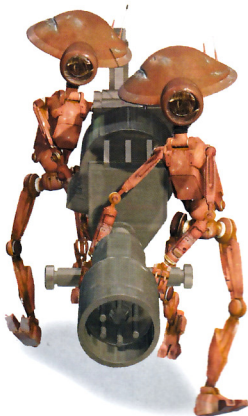
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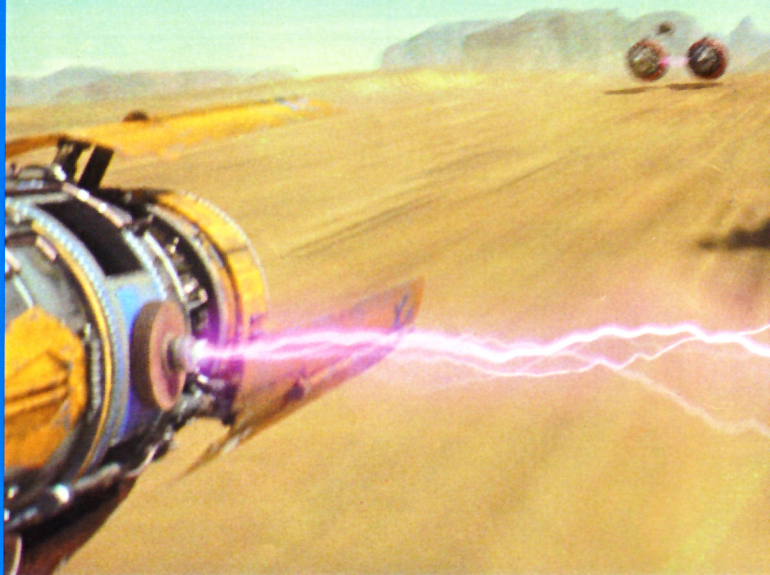
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Do you like fast races?

Would you like to see  
the fastest race ever?



A Podrace is the fastest race  
you will ever see!



In a Podrace, each pilot flies  
a machine called a Podracer.

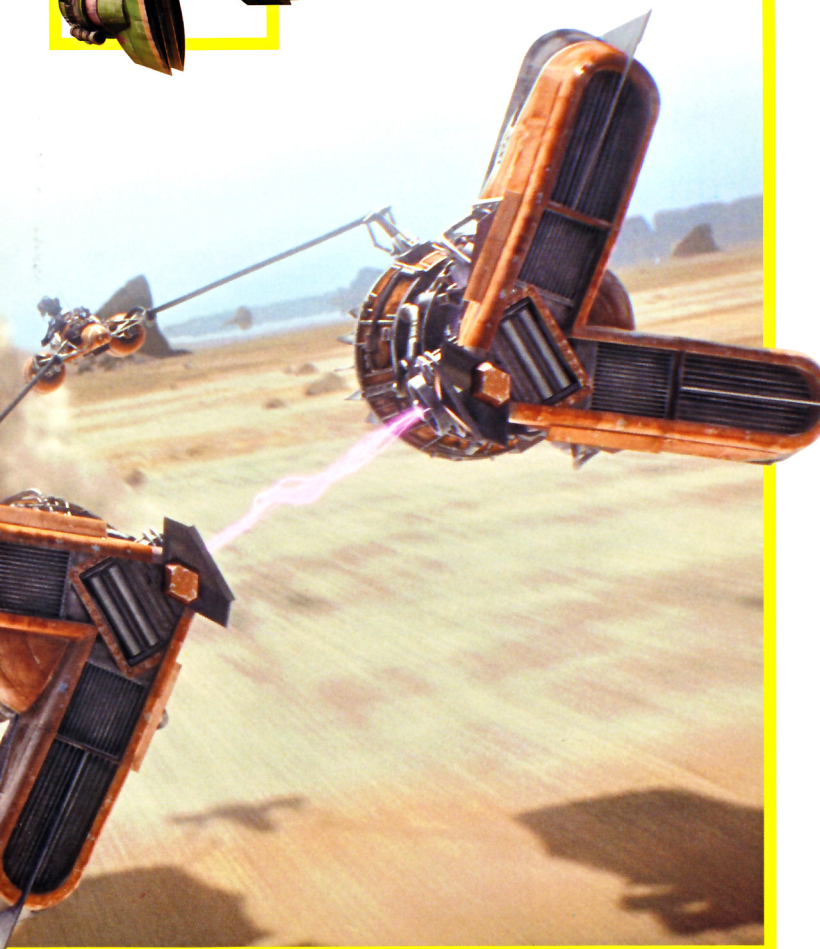
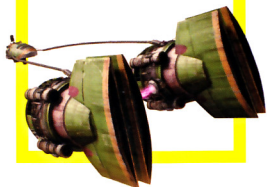
Podracers fly just above  
the ground.

Podracers fly very fast!





# Podracer



Podracer pilots sit  
in a seat called  
a cockpit.

Cockpit



All the driving controls  
are in front of them.



The pilots have to move  
the controls very quickly  
when they are racing.

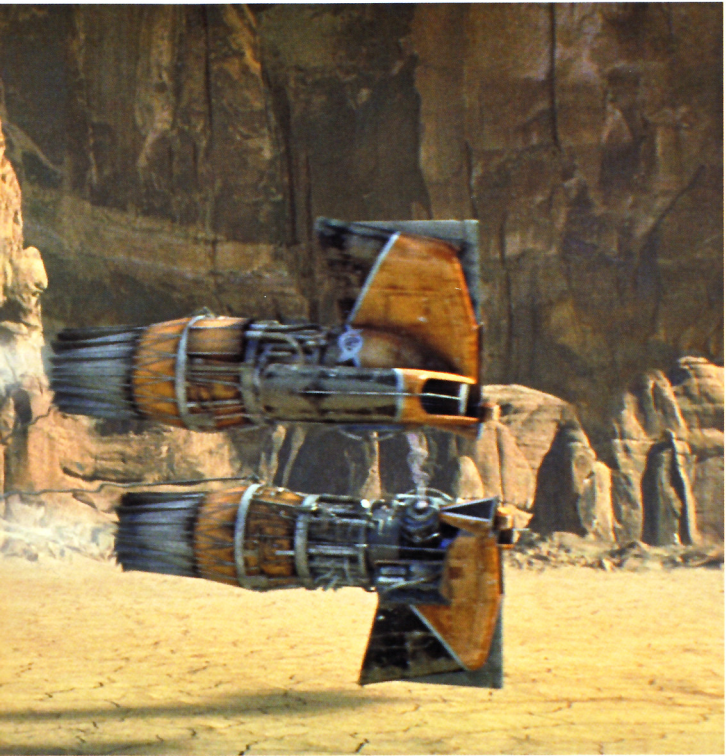
Do you think you could fly  
a Podracer?





This desert racetrack has lots of twists and turns.

Some of these twists and turns are very dangerous.



The pilot who reaches the end of the race first is the winner.

### Racetrack

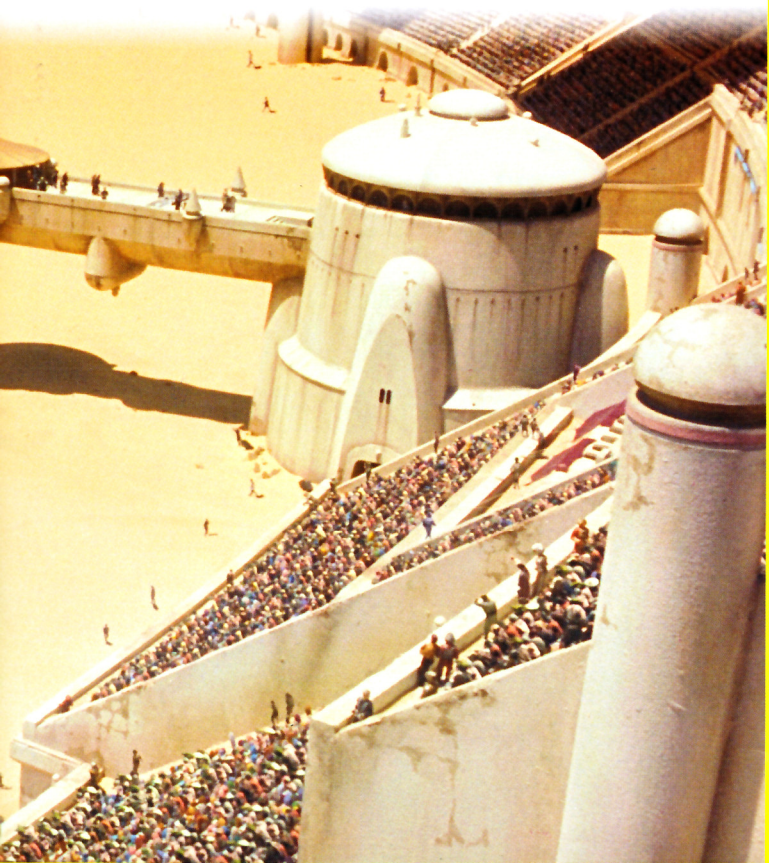


Many people come to watch  
the Podraces.

The people shout and cheer.



They are excited to see the race.  
They want to find out  
which racer will win.



Podracing is very dangerous.

The pilots fly along at really fast speeds.



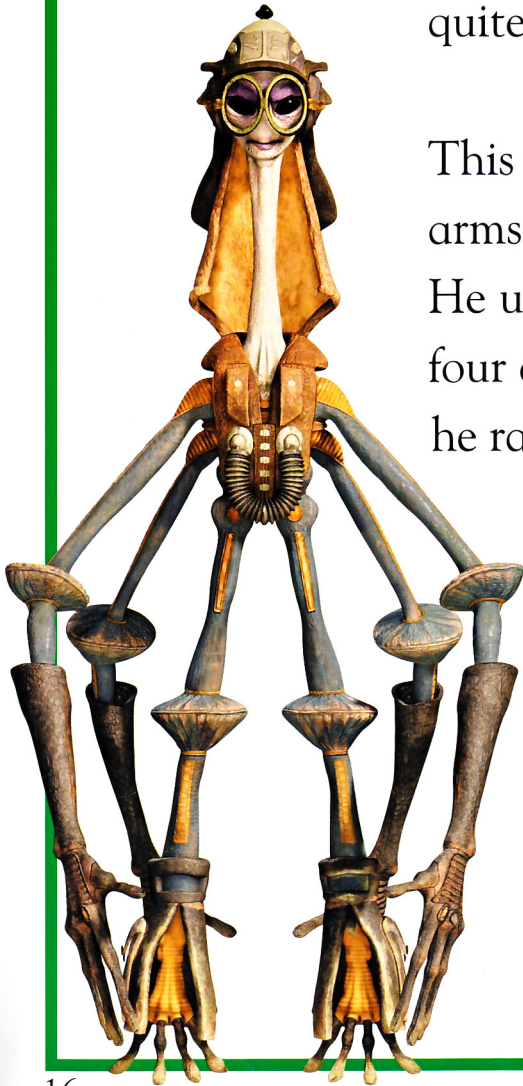


Some racers crash  
into each other, and  
some racers crash  
into desert cliffs.



Pilots often look quite unusual.

This pilot has four arms and two legs. He uses all of his four arms while he races.



This pilot has three eyes.  
His extra eye helps him  
spot dangers in the race.

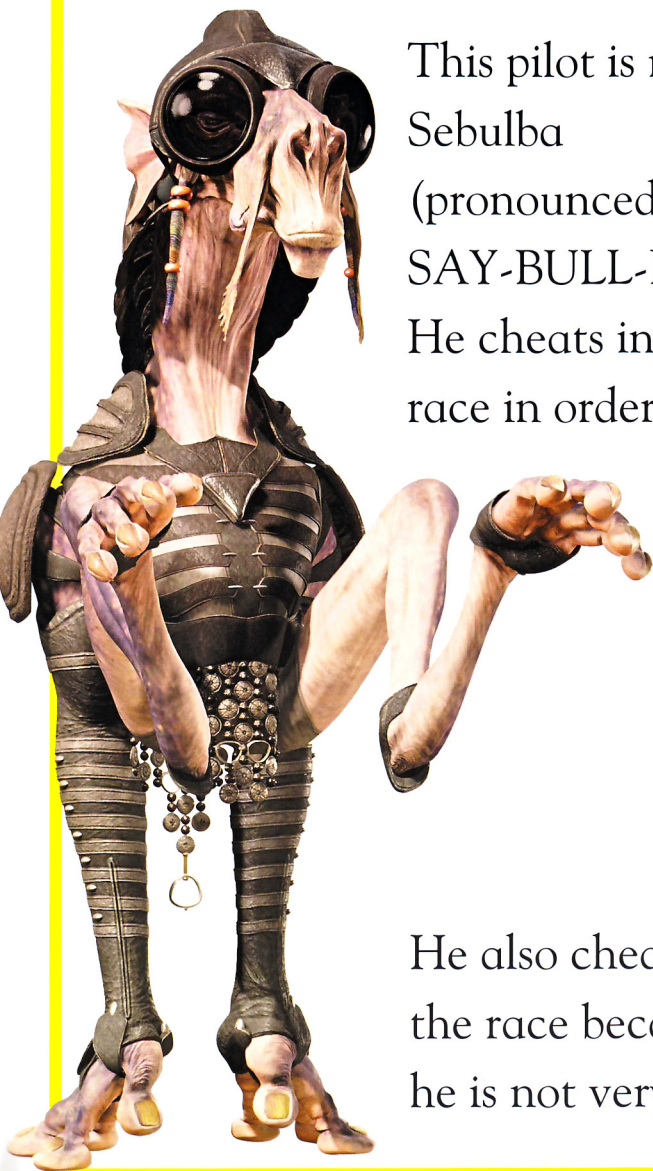




This pilot is wearing goggles.  
They are special racing goggles.  
His racing goggles  
protect his eyes  
from the sand in  
the desert.

This pilot is nervous.  
He is worried because  
his Podracer is broken.  
He will not finish the race.





This pilot is named  
Sebulba  
(pronounced  
SAY-BULL-BAH).  
He cheats in the  
race in order to win.

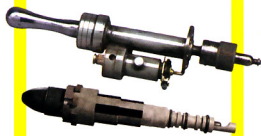
He also cheats in  
the race because  
he is not very nice.



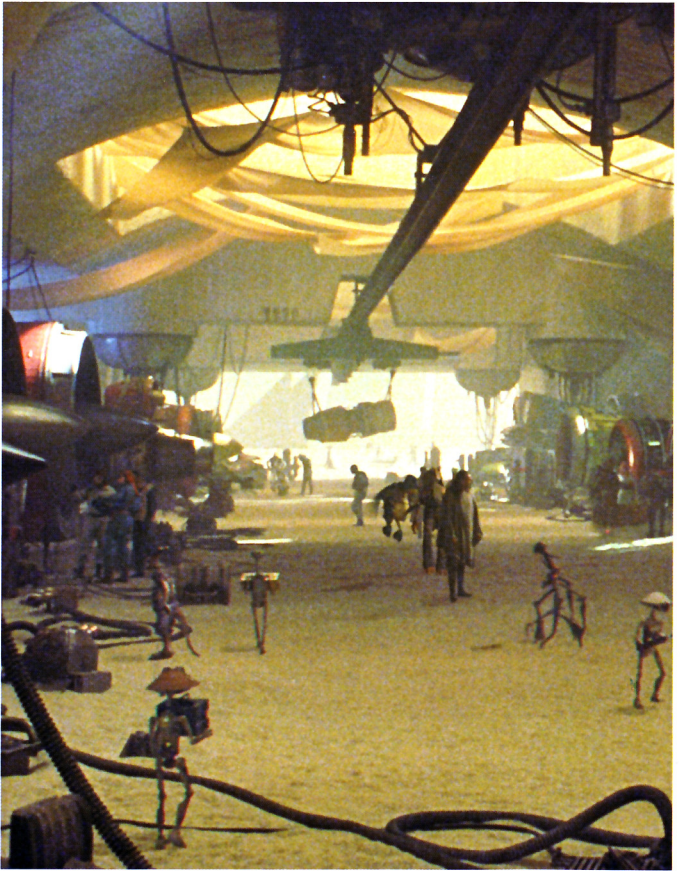
Sebulba sometimes throws his tools at the other pilots.

He is a very dangerous racer.

Tools



To help you to read difficult words, try saying out loud the spelling in BIG TYPE. Sebulba is SAY-BULL-BAH.



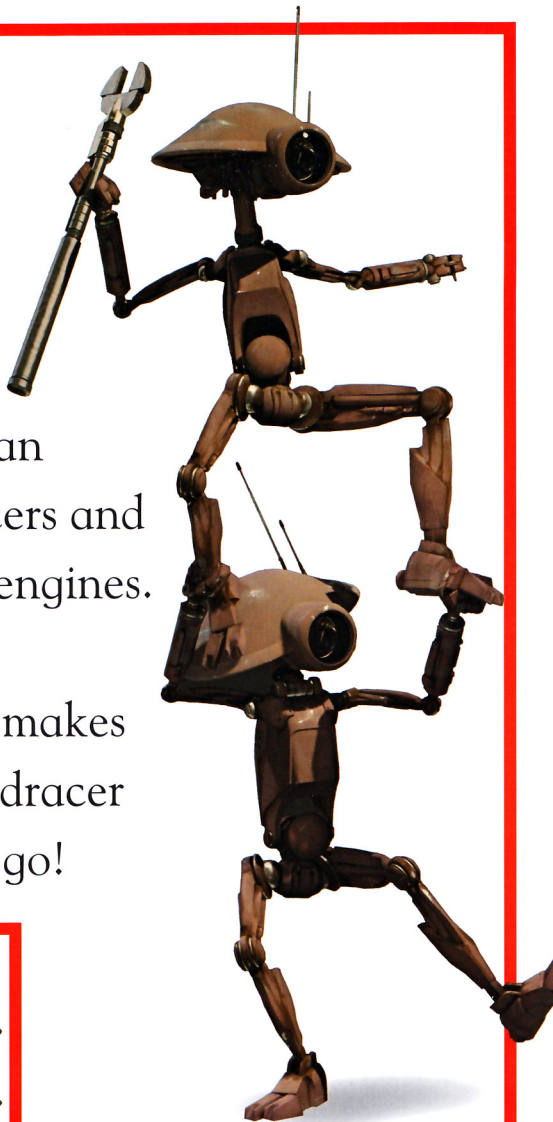
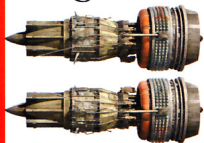
Pilots prepare their machines for the race in a big garage called a hangar.



Robots clean  
the Podracers and  
repair the engines.

Each pilot makes  
sure his Podracer  
is ready to go!

### Engines





Today is one of  
the most exciting  
Podraces ever.

It is exciting  
because one of  
the racers is  
a young boy.  
The boy is  
named Anakin  
(AN-NA-KIN).



Anakin has never finished  
a Podrace before.

Anakin built his Podracer all  
by himself.



He is only nine years old, but he is a very good pilot.

Anakin's family and friends are going to watch him race.

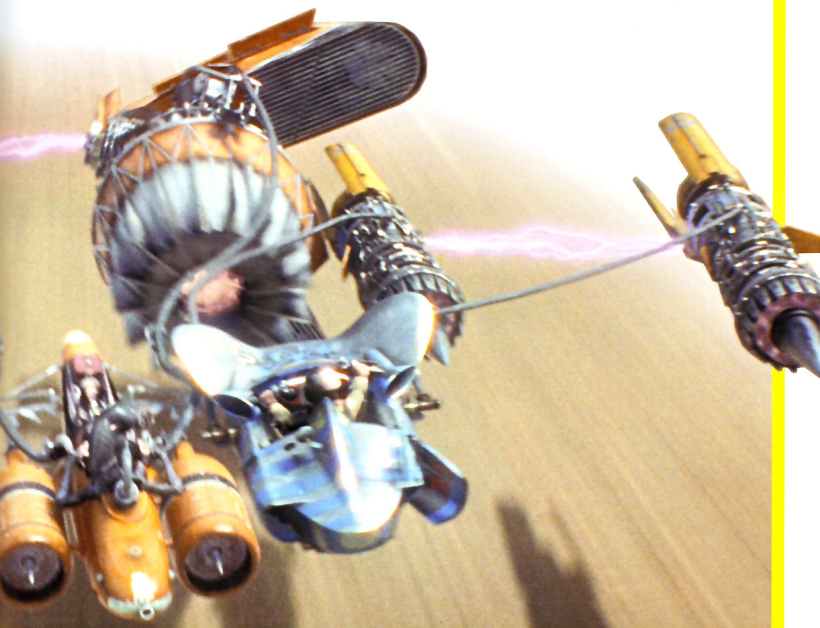




The pilots are on the starting line.  
Ready, steady,  
Podrace!



The race is very exciting.  
Sebulba does everything he can  
to win.  
He tries to push Anakin out  
of the race.



Anakin is a better racer  
than Sebulba.  
Sebulba crashes!

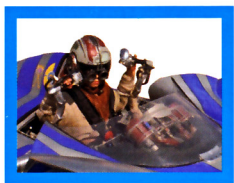




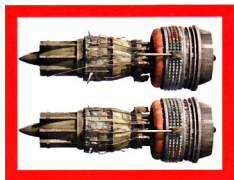
Anakin wins the race.  
Anakin's friends and family are  
very happy, but Anakin is  
happiest of all!



# Glossary



**Cockpit** a space that a pilot sits in



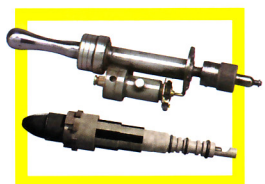
**Engines** machines that make a vehicle move



**Podracer** a vehicle that flies close to the ground



**Racetrack** an oval piece of track that vehicles race on



**Tools** items that are used for mechanical work

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My name is

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I have read this book

Date

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Join the Podracers for the fastest race in the galaxy.  
Hold tight!

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