COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Finn's First Pool Step

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Finn feels nervous near the pool and builds courage with a teacher, a handrail, and one small step.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Finn the fox wore his blue swim shirt at the little pool. Water sparkled, but he stayed on the dry deck.

Part 2

Other children splashed in the shallow end. Finn's paws felt wiggly, and he said, "The water makes me nervous."

Part 3

His swim teacher listened and showed him the steps, handrail, and shallow line. She promised to stay beside him.

Part 4

Finn sat on the edge and dipped only his toes. The water felt cool, then comfortable around them.

Part 5

He held the rail and placed one paw on the first step. The teacher held his other paw gently.

Part 6

Finn stood on the step and blew three bubbles across the water. His wiggly feeling became a proud smile.

Part 7

He did not go deeper that day. Finn played catch from the first step with a floating red ball.

Part 8

Finn learned courage did not mean going far. His brave first step was exactly enough for one day.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. Where did Finn stay at first?

A. At the bottom of the pool	B. On the dry pool deck	C. Inside a boat

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. How did the water make Finn feel?

A. Angry	B. Sleepy	C. Nervous

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What did the teacher promise?

A. To stay beside Finn	B. To make waves	C. To leave quickly

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Finn hold on the first step?

A. A beach umbrella	B. The handrail	C. A lunch box

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. How far did Finn need to go that day?

A. Across the whole pool	B. Under the water	C. Only to the first step

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. B - On the dry pool deck

On the dry pool deck

2. C - Nervous

Nervous

3. A - To stay beside Finn

To stay beside Finn

4. B - The handrail

The handrail

5. C - Only to the first step

Only to the first step

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.