COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Max and the Bubbles Under the Dock

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Max observes bubbling pond water and identifies a turtle breathing beneath the dock instead of imagining a monster.

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

During pond club, Max saw bubbles rise from the dark water under the dock. They appeared every few minutes in nearly the same place.

Part 2

Some children whispered about a pond monster. Max stayed on the dock and watched the water instead of leaning over the edge.

Part 3

He noticed the bubbles came in small groups. A round shadow moved below them, then stopped beside a sunken log.

Part 4

Max compared the bubbles with those from a fish near the reeds. The fish made tiny quick bubbles, while these were larger and farther apart.

Part 5

A brown turtle's nose rose beside the dock for one quiet breath. Its round shell matched the shadow Max had seen underwater.

Part 6

The turtle sank again and rested near the log. A few minutes later, another group of large bubbles rose before its next breath.

Part 7

Max drew the bubble timing and turtle path on the club board. The group observed from a safe distance and kept the pond peaceful.

Part 8

Max learned that repeated timing and a matching shape can replace a scary guess with a calm, testable explanation.

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 Max see the bubbles?

A. Inside a bucket	B. Above the trees	C. Under the dock

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

2. How did the mystery bubbles appear?

A. In one giant splash	B. In small groups	C. As a straight fountain

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

3. What made the bubbles?

A. A brown turtle	B. A pond monster	C. A broken toy

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Which clue appeared before the turtle's next breath?

A. A floating red leaf	B. Another group of large bubbles	C. A splash from the reeds

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

5. How did the children protect the pond?

A. They stirred the water	B. They caught the turtle	C. They observed from a safe distance

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. C - Under the dock

Under the dock

2. B - In small groups

In small groups

3. A - A brown turtle

A brown turtle

4. B - Another group of large bubbles

Another group of large bubbles

5. C - They observed from a safe distance

They observed from a safe distance

Keep exploring

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