

## Smeena's Big Splash

Step 2 Developing Reading Skills



Smeena and her dad were on their way to the swimming baths. Smeena had been swimming every Thursday since she was five years old. She loved that swimming kept her fit and healthy and it was good fun too! But today was different. Smeena wasn't excited... she was worried.

"Are you looking forward to getting your swimming badge today, Smeena?" asked Dad.

Smeena wasn't sure.



Q1: Write **one** word to complete this sentence.

Smeena wasn't excited... she was \_\_\_\_\_.

Q2: Which statement is true? Tick **one**.

- ☐ Smeena had been swimming since she was three years old.
- ☐ Smeena's dad was going to get his swimming badge.
- ☐ Smeena was really looking forward to going swimming.
- ☐ Smeena goes swimming every Thursday.



As they got to the swimming baths, Smeena felt her tummy start to gurgle. She worried that she wouldn't be able to swim how her teacher had shown her. She worried that the water would get into her eyes and that she wouldn't be able to see. Most of all, she was worried about jumping in from the side of the pool.

Smeena shared her worries with her teacher, Mrs Dolphin.

"You are a fantastic swimmer, Smeena!" Mrs Dolphin said. "Just swim like you always do. You'll get your badge with no problem at all."

Smeena still wasn't sure.

Q3: Who is Mrs Dolphin? Circle **one** answer.

Smeena's mum

Smeena's teacher

Smeena's friend

Smeena's gran



Q4: Which word describes the noise that Smeena's tummy was making?

The time had come for Smeena to start her swimming lesson. Dad watched from the side of the pool. "You can do it, Smeena!" he shouted.

Smeena swam all the way across the pool without touching the floor. Then, Smeena climbed up the ladder. She counted to three, closed her eyes and jumped into the water. "Way to go, Smeena!" cheered Mrs Dolphin.



At the end of the lesson, Smeena's heart was beating quickly and she was out of breath but all of her worries had gone!

Then, Smeena spotted that Mrs Dolphin had something very special in her hand.



Q5: How do you think Smeena felt at the end of the lesson? Why do you think this?

Q6: What do you think was in Mrs Dolphin's hand? Answer in a full sentence.

