Year 4 reading comprehension: My First Nippers Day

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Medium

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Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 3 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–3.

My First Nippers Day

I had never been so nervous in my life. The waves at the beach looked as tall as houses.

Coach Dimitri blew his whistle. 'Into the water, Nippers!' he called. 'Hold hands with your buddy.'

My buddy was Lily, who had done Nippers for two whole years. She grabbed my hand and grinned. 'Duck under the big ones,' she said. 'Like this!'

We ducked, we kicked, and we came up spluttering. By the time we ran back up the sand, I had almost forgotten to be scared. Lily gave me a high five. I didn't tell her my knees were still shaking.

1. Who is the narrator of this story?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** a storyteller who is not in the story
- ○ **B** a new Nipper, Lily's buddy
- ○ **C** Lily
- ○ **D** Coach Dimitri

2. Who says, 'Duck under the big ones'?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Coach Dimitri

○ **B** the narrator

○ **C** Lily

○ **D** a lifesaver on the beach

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3. What does the narrator know that Lily does not?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** You should duck under the big waves.

○ **B** Lily has done Nippers for two years.

○ **C** Coach Dimitri is cross with them.

○ **D** The narrator's knees were still shaking.

Answer key

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1. B — a new Nipper, Lily's buddy

The narrator says 'I had never been so nervous' and 'My buddy was Lily'. So the narrator is Lily's buddy, a new Nipper, not Lily or the coach.

2. C — Lily

Lily 'grabbed my hand and grinned', then 'Duck under the big ones,' she said. 'She' is Lily. The coach spoke earlier, about holding hands.

3. D — The narrator's knees were still shaking.

'I didn't tell her my knees were still shaking.' Lily gives a high five, but she doesn't know this. Lily already knows how long she has done Nippers and how to duck the waves.