

waves in the water. Except Alice. She was quite a bit away. She was moving fast towards Henry and didn't notice anything behind her.



The surface of the water was smooth again. The Lake was quiet. The black shadow was gone and the kids were gone. It all happened in just a few seconds. The ball landed back on the surface of the water with a splash. 5

Alice heard the splash. She looked back. The ball **floated** on the water. There was nothing else, no kids anywhere. She turned round and started to swim faster and faster towards Henry. 10

Henry stood up again. The dark water of The Lake came right up to the path. He wanted to save Alice, just like she **had saved** him yesterday at the school swimming pool. But he was afraid of the black shadow in the water. She was still swimming fast towards him. 15

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