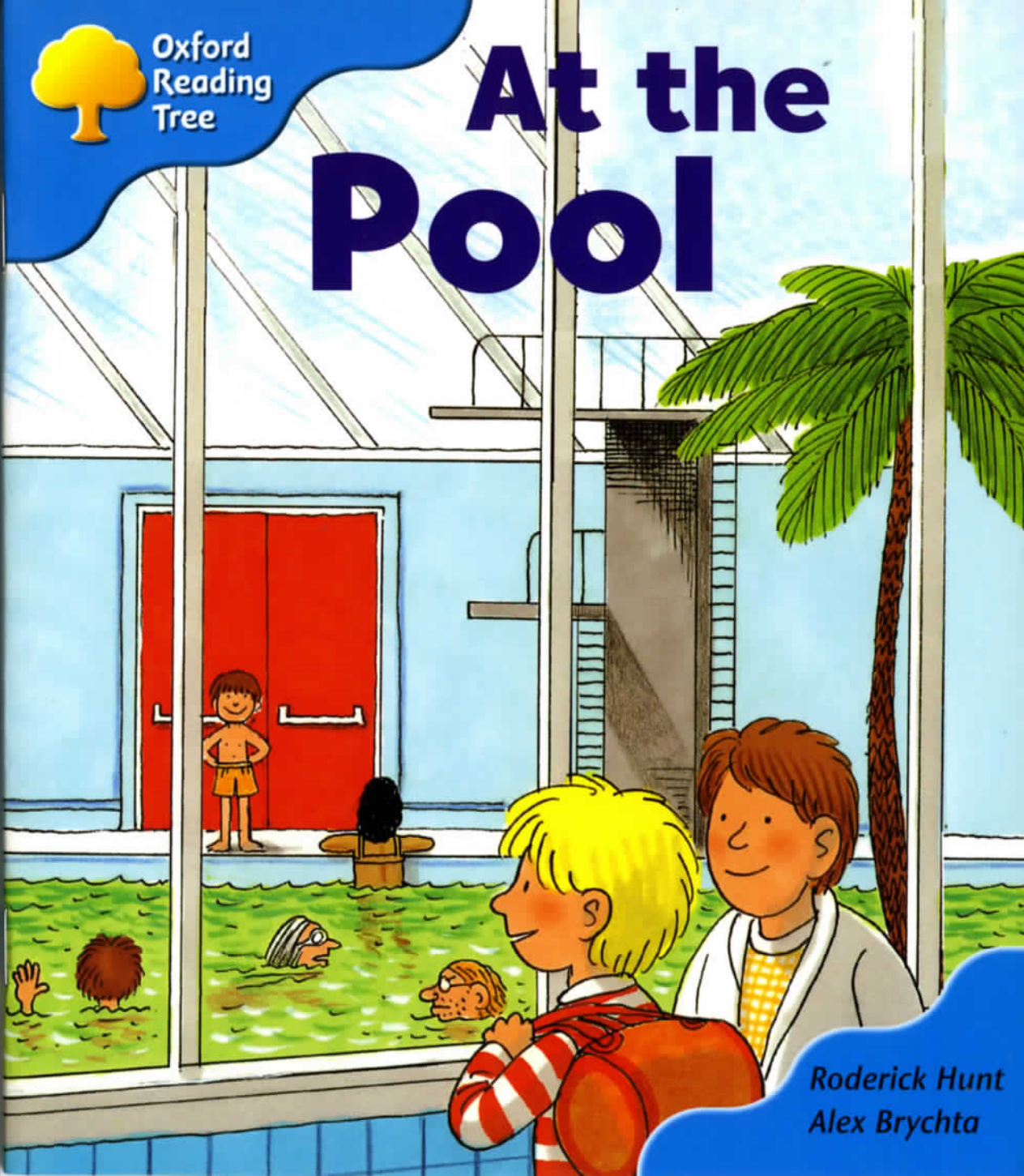




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At the Pool



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What's this story about?

The children go swimming but Kipper can't find his trunks. Wilf's mum buys Kipper a new pair but when Kipper gets changed he finds he had put on his trunks at home!

Talk together

Talk about going swimming at a pool or on holiday. Ask, "What do you like about going swimming?" "What don't you like?"

Read the story

W = Word recognition **G** = Language comprehension

- G** Read the story together. Talk about what is happening in each picture.
- G** Pages 4–5, see if the child can guess what the notices say.
- W** Page 9, read the notice together.
- G** Page 11, look at the picture of Kipper. Ask, "What is Kipper thinking?"
- G** Page 14, ask, "What do you think Kipper is thinking now?"



Kipper went to the swimming pool.

Wilma's mum took him.

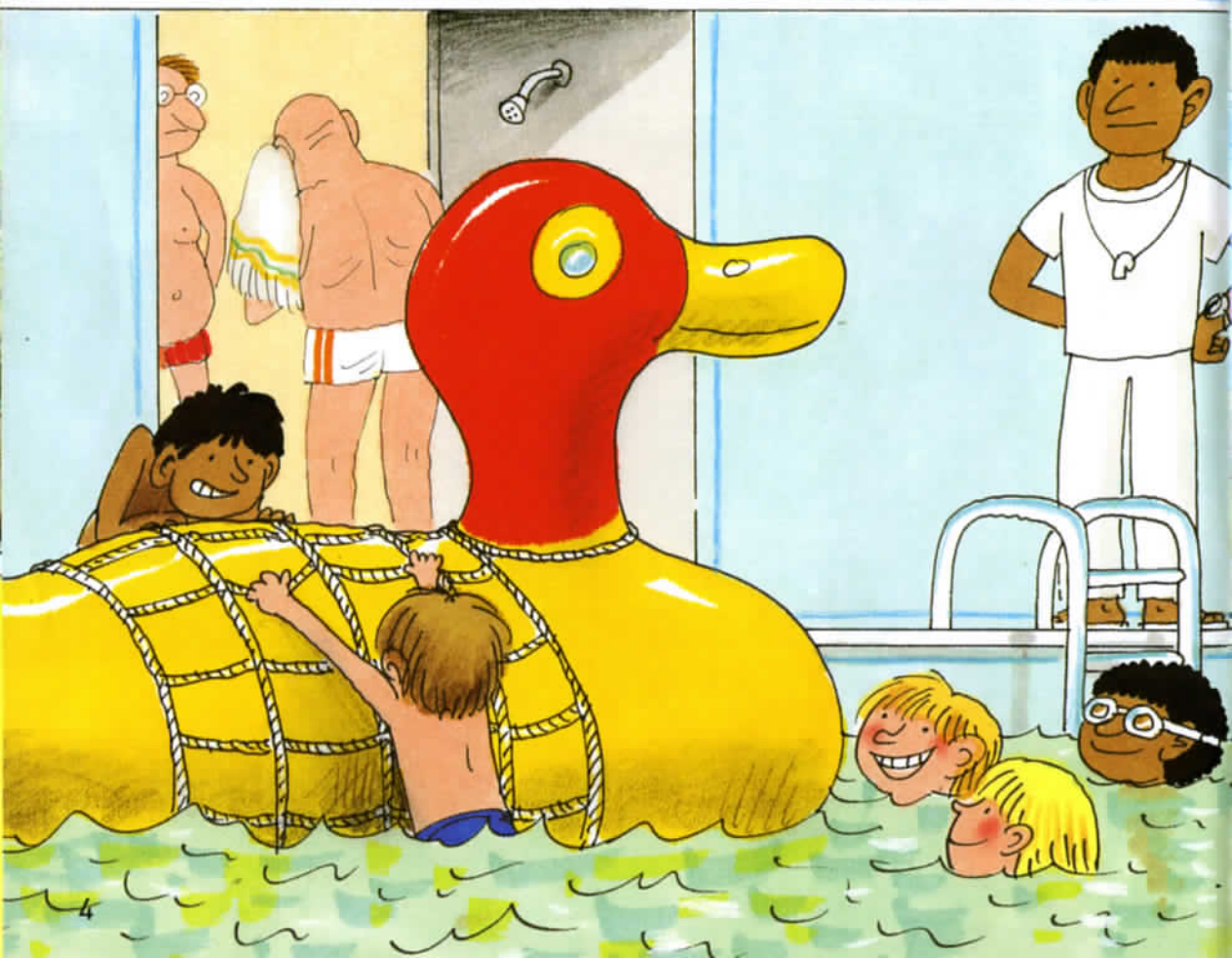




She took Biff and Chip, too.

It was a new pool.

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Everyone wanted to swim.

Kipper looked for his trunks.





He couldn't find them.

Kipper couldn't go in the pool.





Sorry
No shorts
No underpants
No cut-off-jeans
to be worn
in the pool

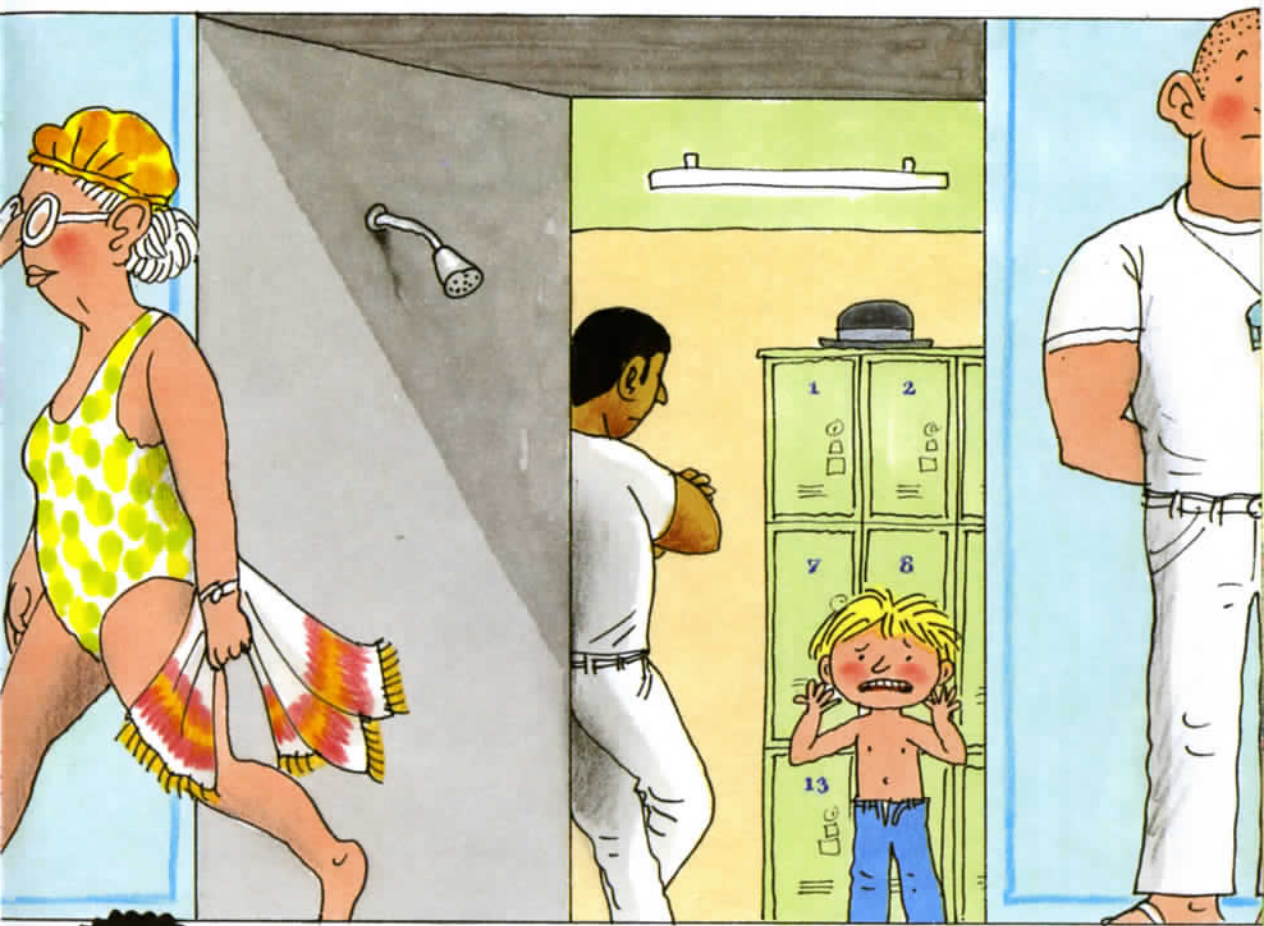
Please shower
before swimming

“Sorry,” said the man.

Wilma's mum was in the water.

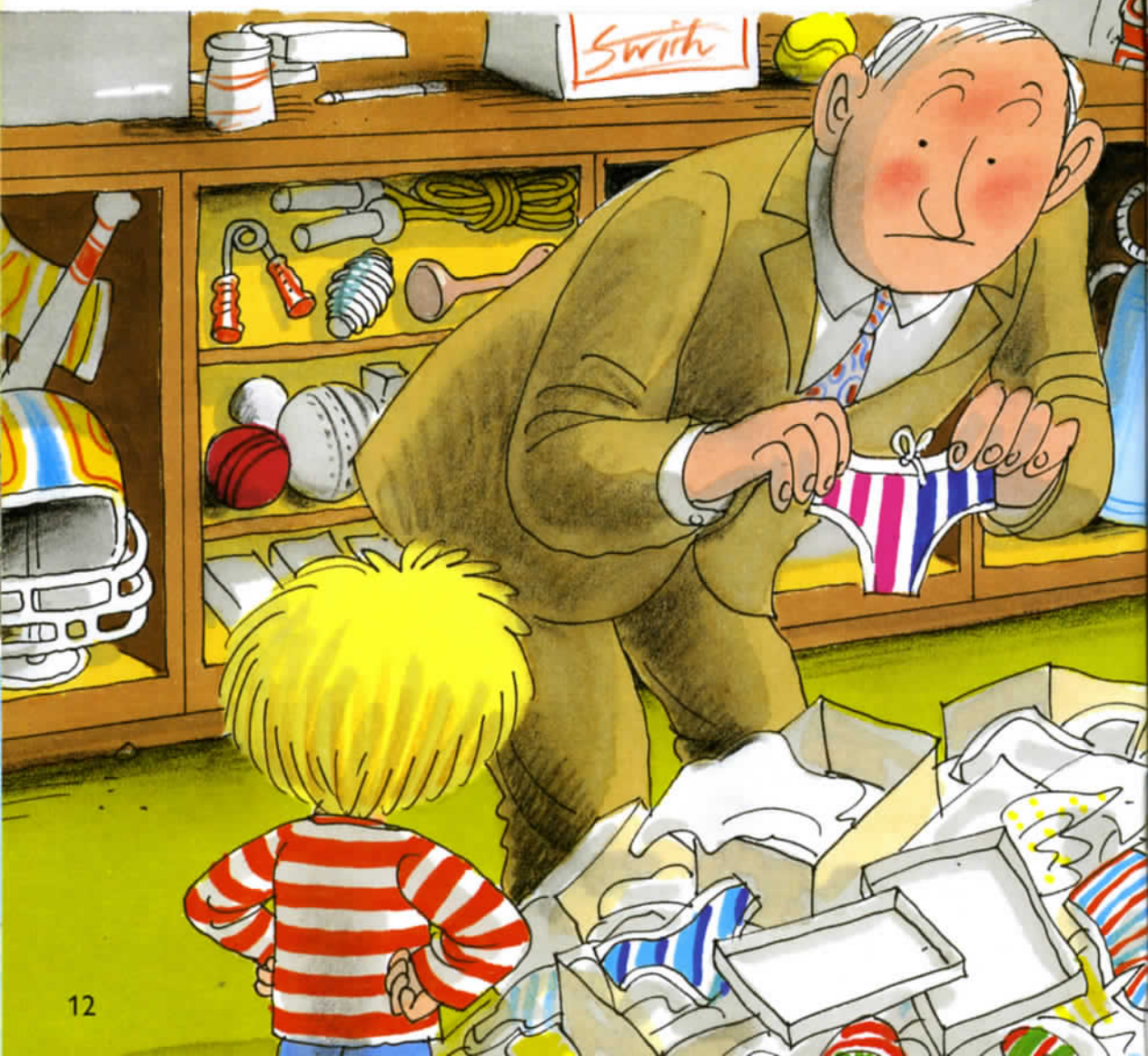


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“Oh dear,” she said.

Wilma's mum took Kipper to
a shop.

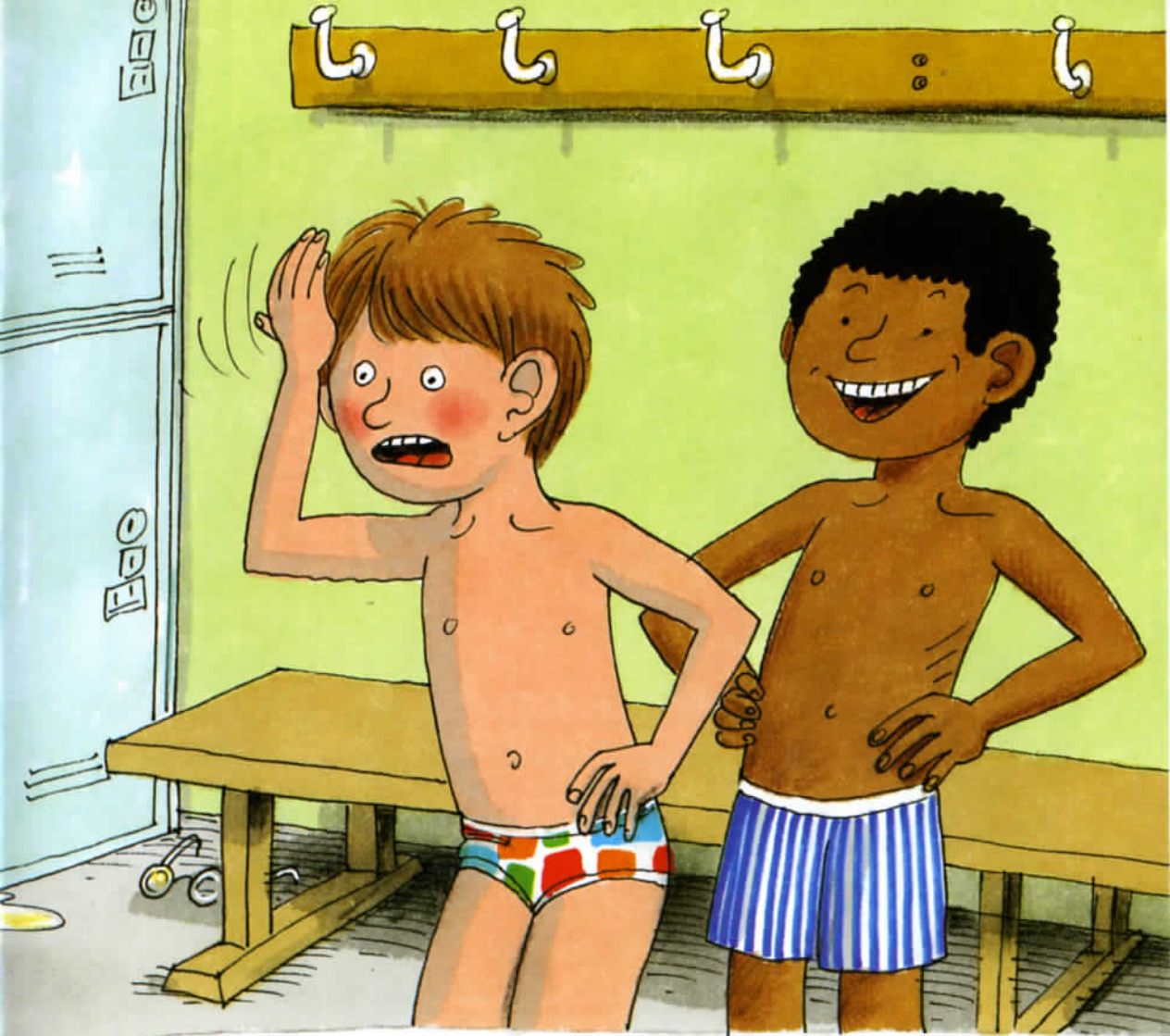




She bought him new trunks.

They went back to the pool.





“Oh no!” said Kipper.





“I put them on at home,” he said.

Play a game

'oo' rhymes

This helps children to notice words that are spelt with 'oo'.

- Find a word in the story that has 'oo' in it. Ask the child to read the word and then think of a rhyming word to go with it, e.g. 'pool', 'cool'.
- Take turns to find an 'oo' word and to say, "Read it and find a rhyming word".

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Find the longest sentence in the story. How many words does it have?
- Help the child to use the pictures to retell the story in his/her own words.

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Kipper forgets his swimming trunks.

This story practises these words:

back could(n't) him his home man new
put them too took want(ed) water



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