



**1** Jimmy lived in the country, and he loved playing in a very shallow river near his house; but then his father got a job in a big city, and he moved there with his family.

Their new house had a garden, but the garden was very small. Jimmy wasn't very happy.

"Is there a river near here?" he asked his mother on the first morning.

His mother answered, "No, there isn't, but there's a beautiful park near here, Jimmy, and there's a pool in it. We'll go there this afternoon." Then Jimmy was happy.

After lunch, Jimmy and his mother went to the park. Jimmy wanted to walk near the pool, but there was a sign in front of it. His mother read it to him: "WARNING: This pool is dangerous. 367 people have fallen into it." Jimmy looked into the pool carefully. Then he said, "I can't see them."

Outside the 1,000 words: sign, warning

**A. Answer these questions:**





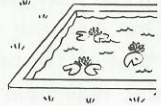



1. Where did Jimmy play in the country?
2. Why wasn't he happy in the city?
3. What did he ask his mother?
4. What did she answer?
5. What did the sign in front of the pool say?
6. What did Jimmy say when his mother read the sign to him?

**B. Write these sentences. Put one set of words in each blank space:**

*it was    there was    there were    they were*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a park in Jimmy's city. \_\_\_\_\_ not far from his house.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a pool in the park, but \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous, so \_\_\_\_\_ a sign in front of it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fish in the pool. \_\_\_\_\_ not very big, but \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful, so \_\_\_\_\_ always a lot of people there, looking at them.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a very nice place for children.

**C. Write this story using words instead of pictures.**

When he lived in the , Jimmy's  was near a . He was always  there. When he moved to the city, there was a big  not far away, and there was a  there, because it was deep and dangerous. Jimmy's mother said to him, "Be very careful. Don't  into it. There aren't many  here, and perhaps nobody will see you and save you."

### **STORY 1 (pages 2 & 3) ...**

*Jimmy's mother laughed. Then she looked around and noticed a man sitting in a folding chair on the other side of the pool. He was drinking coffee and had a clipboard on his lap. She went over to the man and asked him, "Do you work for the city? Are you some kind of lifeguard?" The man answered, "Yes, I do, but no, I'm not a lifeguard. My job is not to help people. It is simply to count how many people fall into the pool. Then, every day, at the end of the day, I have to change the number on the warning sign." At this, Jimmy's mother was dumbfounded.*

*Later that evening over dinner, Jimmy's mother told Jimmy's father what had happened. Jimmy's family then decided to leave the city and move back to the country. Jimmy was again very happy.*