Characters, Setting, and Events

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

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Jonah looked down at the dark blue water. His legs felt like jelly, and he took a step back. "Maybe next summer," he whispered.

The lifeguard, Mrs. Chen, knelt beside him. "You can stop at the rope halfway and rest," she said. "I will walk right beside you along the edge."

Jonah thought about the slide. He thought about all his practice in the shallow end, where his feet could touch the bottom. He pinched his nose, counted to three, and slid into the water.

He kicked hard and reached with long strokes. At the rope, he grabbed on and caught his breath. Then he pushed off again and touched the far wall.

Luis cheered from the side of the pool. Mrs. Chen handed Jonah a blue wristband that showed he had passed. Jonah grinned so wide his cheeks hurt. That afternoon, he went down the big slide eleven times.

1. How did Jonah feel when he looked at the deep water? Which clue shows it?
   - scared, because Luis cheered from the side
   - scared, because his legs felt like jelly
   - tired, because he caught his breath twice

2. What did Jonah do to face his fear?
   - He went home to try again next summer break.
   - He went down the big slide first instead.
   - He pinched his nose and slid into the water.

3. How did Mrs. Chen respond when Jonah stepped back?
   - She said he could rest at the rope.
   - She gave him a wristband right away.
   - She said he was too young to try.

4. How did Jonah change from the start to the end?
   - He went from tired to angry.
   - He went from proud to scared.
   - He went from scared to proud.

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