

'Pig Heart Boy' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. What stings Cam's eyes as he sits under the water?

The chlorine from the swimming pool

💡 2. Why do you think a 'tiny, tiny part of him' wanted to laugh?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think a part of him wanted to laugh because he just couldn't believe that he was going to die in this situation. It was all a bit crazy.

3. What does the word 'concern' mean?

Worry

4. What is Marlon anxious about, as he looks around the pool?

He is anxious that someone who knows Cam's parents are going to see them in the pool and that he's going to get into trouble.

5. What game are the other boys playing?

Daredevil Dive

💡 6. How do you think it makes Cam feel to watch the other boys playing in the water, when he can't join in? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Appropriate answers, e.g. Cam is feeling lonely and frustrated that he can't join in with his friends when he wants to. They all sound as though they're having lots of fun and he wishes he could be part of it.

7. Which adjectives does the author use to describe the way Cam views himself on p.10?

Weak and feeble

8. How does Cam's body language make him look miserable in the mirror?

His shoulders were drooped, his mouth was turned down and his eyes were miserable.



9. Why doesn't Cam want to go home just yet?

He thought his parents would be arguing.

10. What has caused Cam to have a weak heart?

He had a viral infection that affected his heart and it was now weakening.

