

Can I?

Level 2

Bonnie was at the swimming pool. "Hey Dad," said Bonnie sadly. "I try and try but I cannot dive. I really want to!"

"I put my arms out next to my ears and point my fingers. I put my head down. But when I try to fall into the water I find that I just jump in! I don't mean to jump. It happens over and over."

"Okay," said Dad. "It's good that you really want to dive. You are trying and trying and that's good too."



Dad looked at Bonnie and said, "You need to tell yourself, *I will get it. It will take time. It will take work. I will learn to dive.*"

"Okay Dad," said Bonnie. I will tell myself that."

Bonnie tried and tried again. She kept trying for a long time, but she still could not dive. "I will learn to dive," she said.

Dad came over. They sat and watched the swimmers.

"You will learn by looking too, Bonnie. Look at people who can dive. Watch what they do. Watch and think." Bonnie did this.

Next Bonnie tried again. She tried many times. She tried over and over. She tried again then ... up from under the water came Bonnie! She shouted, "I did it!"



Questions

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3. What did she do with her fingers?

4. Why did Dad and Bonnie sit down?

5. Which statements are correct? Write 'True' or 'False' next to each.

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- Bonnie had to work hard. _____
- Dad told her to give up. _____
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Answers

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2. What did Bonnie really want to do?

Bonnie really wanted to learn to dive.

3. What did she do with her fingers?

Bonnie pointed her fingers.

4. Why did Dad and Bonnie sit down?

Bonnie and Bonnie sat down so they could watch and learn from other swimmers how to dive.

5. Which statements are correct? Write 'True' or 'False' next to each.

- It is best not to try. **False**
- Bonnie had to work hard. **True**
- Dad told her to give up. **False**
- Bonnie tried for a long time. **True**

6. What is something you learned to do by trying, thinking and looking? How did you feel when you got it?

Answers will vary.

