

DEEP WATER

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① What are the specifications of Y.M.C.A swimming pool as provided by the writer?

Ans YMCA pool was 2 or 3 feet deep at the shallow end with a gradual drop to six 9 feet at the other end.

② Which purpose is served by the reference to the writer's mother, in the lesson?

Ans The purpose of writer's mother served in the lesson is the constant encouragement for learning swimming and giving good suggestions to the writer.

So, we can say that it was because of Douglas' mother's ~~so~~ ^{one} decision that Douglas endured several challenges before he had become successful.

③ Why was the initial aversion of the writer to water?

Ans As a child of 3 or 4 years, Douglas had been knocked down by the waves at California beach. The waves swept over him and he was buried under them. The overpowering force of water terrorized him and he developed an aversion for water.

④ "I was frightened. Father laughed". What is the contradictory elements present in the ^{lines} ~~para~~?

Ans The contradictory elements in the lines is that there was terror in my writer's heart at the overpowering force of the waves but his father laughed.

⑤ What was the writer's conduct in the swimming pool, before the misadventure?

Ans The writer paddled with his new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. He did 2 or 3 times on different days.

⑥ ~~How~~ How is the brawler of a boy described?

Ans Brawler boy had thick hair on his chest. He was a beautiful specimen. And his legs and arms had rippling muscles.

⑦ What did the healthy boy do with the water?

Ans The healthy boy picked the writer up and tossed him into the deep end of the swimming pool.

⑧ What was the proposed plan of the writer, while he was sinking?

Ans Writer thought that as he would reach the bottom, he would make a big jump and come to the surface and lie flat and paddle down to the edge using his hands.

⑨ What do you think ~~the~~ about the actions and feelings of the writer during his first dipping?

Ans The writer planned on how to get out of the pool during his first dipping

and he was a bit frightened but not yet ~~a~~ frightened out of his wits. He felt as if his lungs were ready to burst before he would have touched the bottom. And when he reached the bottom ~~and~~; made a big jump which was in vain.

(10) Describe how a sense of helplessness came into the meritor in his 2nd dipping?

Ans. Douglas's 2nd attempt to come out of water failed although he sprang from the bottom and came up like a cork to the surface.

Keeping that in mind, he decided to jump, it made no difference. His helplessness made him shiver with fright. His limbs refused to move as if he was paralyzed, he tried in vain to call for help.