

The Diving Competition

This task is about reading to find information and make inferences from a text.

Read the story *The Diving Competition* by Bob McConnell (*School Journal, Part 4, No 2, 1996*) and answer the following questions.

a) The children's father went diving

whenever he had others to go with.

when the family had no food left.

whenever Uncle Hilton told him to.

whenever the tide was right.

every weekend.

b) Who put the crayfish into the sack?

c) What happened to the crayfish if they were not quickly put into the sack?

d) What do the words "empty handed" mean, as they are used in this story?

e) In what **two** ways did the children usually travel to the place when they were going to gather seafood?

1.

2.

f) Why would Harry's face be "redder than ever", when he came up from a dive?

g) What group of words does the writer use to show the children realised how their father and Tommy were tricking Harry?

h) What group of words does the storyteller use to let the reader know that Harry was surprised Tommy was still under the water?

i) What did the children think about Tommy's cheating?

- They saw nothing wrong with it.
- They thought it was all right because their father was part of the trick.
- They thought it unfair.
- The writer does not say.

j) Harry didn't speak at all on the way home because he

- had not enjoyed the diving trip.
- was exhausted by his long dive.
- had lost the competition.
- suspected that he had been cheated.
- had not caught many crayfish.