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Words to know

a	little
and	out
are	the
has	them
in	they
is	to

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Coal the tadpole lives in a pond. Every year, the tadpoles have a race around the pond. It's a big event. The winner takes home the Pond Cup.

Coal the tadpole is a very fast swimmer. He really wants to win the Pond Cup.



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Other tadpoles want to win the Pond Cup too.

Joan has red ribbons and is bigger than Coal. Tony has green spots and is just as fast as Coal. Everyone thinks Tiny Joe is a bit of a joke. He's too little to win.



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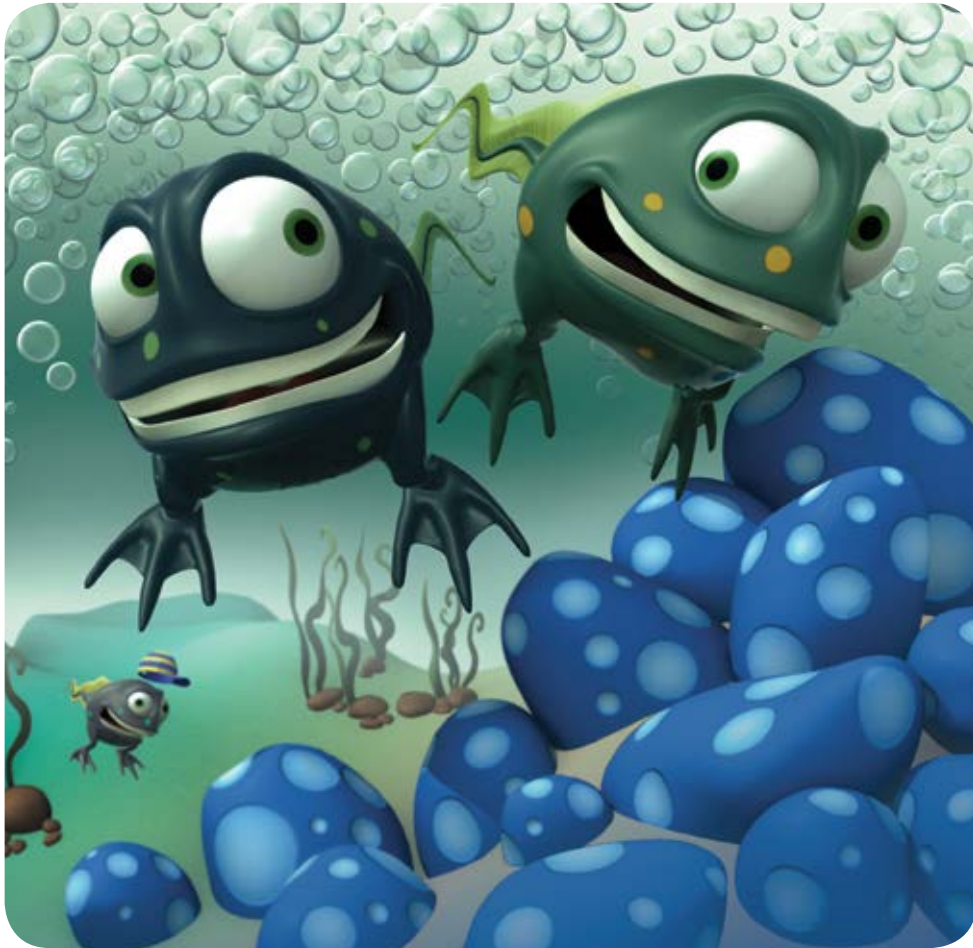
The race starts and Joan shoots to the front. They race around the flagpole. Then they swim through the hole in the rock. Coal races after Joan. She is super fast!

Ouch! Joan gets a sore tail. She has to stop swimming.



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Tony and Coal are now neck and neck. It's a long race and they are both getting tired. They race under the bubbly foam and over the blue stones. Tiny Joe is just behind them.



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Oh no! Tony gets tangled in seaweed, and he falls out of the race.

Tiny Joe is huffing, and Coal is puffing. Suddenly, Coal stops and waits for Tiny Joe. They both cross the finish line together.



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It's a great day for Coal and Tiny Joe.
It's a great day for the Pond Cup.

Focus Questions

Who is in the
Pond Cup?

What is the
Pond Cup?

Who wins the
Pond Cup?

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Will Coal the
tadpole win the
Pond Cup?

I like to race _____

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