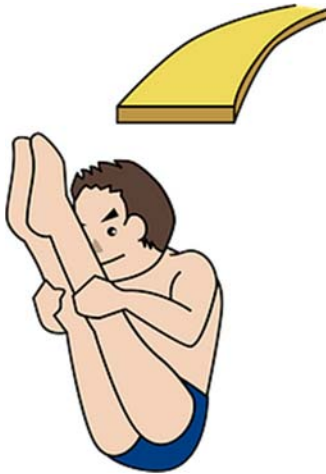


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Express The Leap

Directions: Read the paragraph silently once to understand the meaning. Read the paragraph aloud in a “flat” voice with no emotion. Read the paragraph again, this time adding **tone, pitch, and emotion** that match the mood of the story. Try reading it a third time, experimenting with different expressions to make the text more engaging. After practicing, answer the comprehension questions.

Jason stood at the edge of the diving board, his knees shaking. Below him, the pool sparkled in the sunlight, but it looked so far away. His friends cheered loudly, urging him to jump. He took a deep breath, closed his eyes, and leapt into the air. When he splashed into the water, laughter bubbled out of him, mixing with the cheers around the pool.

Follow-Up Questions

1. How did Jason feel at the start of the paragraph?

2. What were his friends doing while he stood on the diving board?

3. How did Jason feel after he jumped?
