

# A Poohhool

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# in the Garden








Max is very excited.  
The new pool will finally be  
filled with water today!  
Oh, what fun!

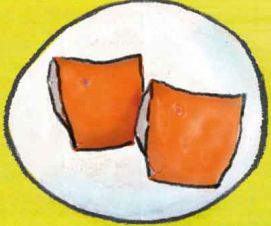
Swimming, splashing, diving, bathing...every day!  
But Max needs to wait for a little while.  
“Water is wonderful but it’s also dangerous,”  
says Mummy, “especially if you can’t swim.  
Before you go near the water, we need to discuss  
exactly what you need to do to look after yourself  
and what we should do to look after you too.”  
Max nods and says, “All right. What’s the  
best way?”



"We will put a fence around the pool," says Mummy, "give you swimming aids, and then be very, very certain about who is looking after you."



"We will make sure that you don't leave your kangaroo at the pool so that you don't go back for it when you're on your own. Maybe we will buy a pool alarm that makes a loud noise if somebody falls into the pool."

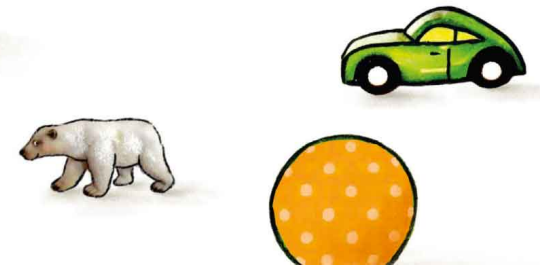


"We will arrange swimming lessons for you. And maybe we will buy a safety cover to keep the pool clean and warm. We will explain everything tonight."

"Listen carefully," Max says to Bonzo Bear, "we have a new pool in the garden, and it can be very dangerous!"



"We are going to build a fence around the pool and buy a pool alarm. And we will take swimming lessons."  
Bonzo Bear nods anxiously and says: "Oh dear!"  
„I will listen carefully at the important meeting tonight!" says Max. "And then I can show you how to look after yourself, but until then, you should stay inside my house so that I can protect you."  
Bonzo Bear nods again. "All right," he says.  
"And that goes for you too," Max says to the kangaroo, "just so you know."



“We cannot go to the garden alone anymore,” says Bonzo Bear to Cuddly Lion.  
“You can’t. I can’t and Little Kangaroo can’t either! Nobody can! There’s a dangerous Poohool! There is a meeting tonight where we will learn how to protect ourselves from him! Until then, you all need to stay in the house, right?”



Cuddly Lion nods eagerly. "I'll tell everyone right away," he says. "Listen to me everybody!" shouts Cuddly Lion. "Don't go into the garden! There is a very dangerous Poohooool with lots of teeth and sharp claws, and he loves eating little kangaroos! We are going to make an emergency plan tonight, and then we will all get armour to protect us. Nobody is allowed in the garden, understand?"



It's evening and Max picks up his toy animals for the big meeting. They stand bravely in a row: Bonzo Bear, Cuddly Lion, Mouse, and Lotte.

Only the kangaroo is missing. "Where is Little Kangaroo?" asks Max. "He's hiding," says Cuddly Lion, "so he won't be eaten." Max makes big eyes. "But who wants to eat him?" he asks. "The dangerous Poohoohool, of course," whispers Cuddly Lion. "Don't you know that he lives in the garden now?"



Max laughs and shouts, "But the pool is not a monster!"  
Cuddly Lion frowns, "He's not? What is he then?"  
"A swimming pool!" says Max. "A pool full of water for swimming, splashing, diving, and bathing!"

Cuddly Lion is disappointed.  
"So, he's not dangerous at all,"  
he growls.

"Thank goodness!" shouts Little Kangaroo and hops out of the laundry basket.  
"We just need to be careful," says Max, "that's why we're going to the meeting."





Max's mummy brings juice and popcorn and the meeting finally starts.

"Firstly," says Daddy, "an adult must always take you to the pool."  
"I prefer that!" whispers Little Kangaroo. "Secondly," Mummy says, "if an adult has to leave for a moment, maybe because they forgot something, then another adult must look after the children and not look away, not even for a minute."

Cuddly Lion raises his paw and says, "But I've been able to swim for a thousand years! Nothing can happen to me at all."

Daddy nods. "Wonderful!" he says.

"You can show us in swimming class and then get a real swimming badge, but it will still be our job to look after you."

"I want a swimming badge too," cries Little Kangaroo.



“Lastly,” says Daddy, “we will put a fence around the pool and keep the gate locked so that small cuddly lions don’t try to swim alone.”

“But I can climb over the fence!” shouts Cuddly Lion, “or sneak under!”

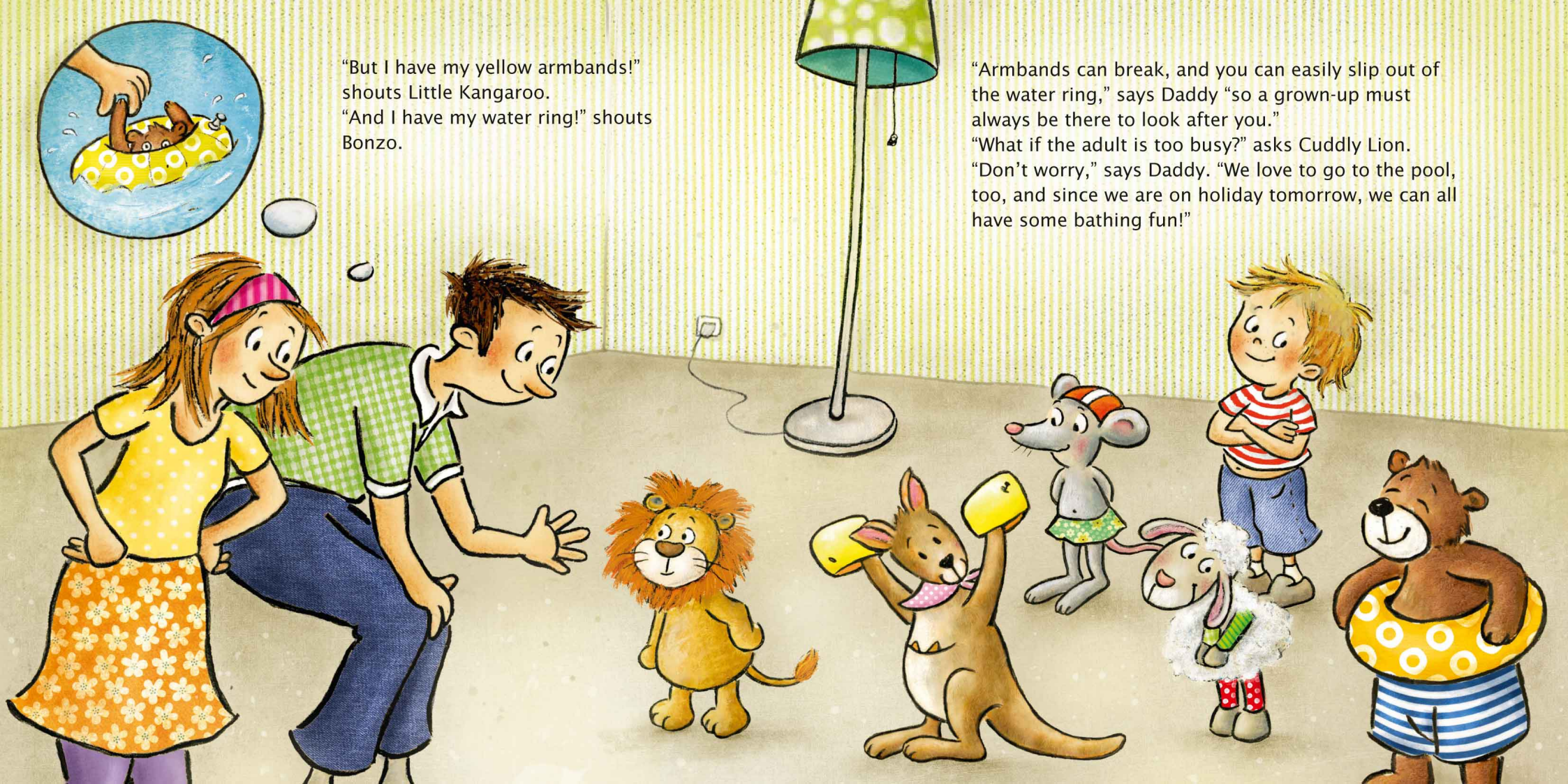
“No,” Mummy says, “the fence will be too high to climb and with no chairs nearby. And nobody is allowed to go under the fence. Not even a small kangaroo.”





"But I have my yellow armbands!" shouts Little Kangaroo.  
"And I have my water ring!" shouts Bonzo.

"Armbands can break, and you can easily slip out of the water ring," says Daddy "so a grown-up must always be there to look after you."  
"What if the adult is too busy?" asks Cuddly Lion.  
"Don't worry," says Daddy. "We love to go to the pool, too, and since we are on holiday tomorrow, we can all have some bathing fun!"





It's the next morning and they all march to the pool with a picnic basket and sun hats, with armbands and water rings, with water bottles, a lilo, and a beach ball. They stop at the fence and Mummy unlocks the gate. "Do not push," she warns.

But luckily, everybody is very good anyway. Even the cuddly lion.



Dear adults, parents, grandparents, relatives, acquaintances, and friends!

Unfortunately, there are still bathing accidents. The aim of this book is to encourage both children and adults to take more care!



The following recommendations should help make the bathing as fun and as safe as possible:

1. Never let the children out of sight! When an adult is assigned the supervision role, be sure to ask whether they are aware of the task they are taking on.

2. Never pass supervision responsibility to other (older) children.

3. Structural measures (e.g. a security fence) and useful extras (e.g. a pool alarm or safety cover) are highly recommended.

4. Swimming aids, such as armbands or water rings, should never replace responsible supervisors.

5. Encourage your children to learn to swim early and discourage them from engaging in dangerous behaviour.

6. Remove toys from the pool and its surroundings (risk of tripping). Children are magically attracted to toys lying around.

7. Please display the sign in a visible place near the swimming pool.

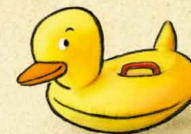
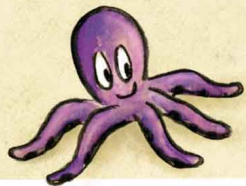


Keep in mind that careless supervisors can be held responsible for children's bathing accidents.

It is advisable to deal with suitable professionals (e.g., swimming instructors, swimming pool construction companies, etc.).

Please adhere to these recommendations and have fun bathing in your pool.

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For the safety of your child presented by:

**Who has ever heard of a Poohoohool in the garden?  
Nobody? No wonder!**

In fact, it is not a wild Poohoohool with pointed teeth, but a wonderful new swimming pool. But because it can be dangerous, a lot must be learned before the bathing fun begins.



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