The Fin in the Water

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Red Words (Sight):

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Practice reading these sentences.

Nan sees a fin.
Matt says, “I did not see a fin.”
Matt was in the water.
One hot, summer afternoon, Matt’s dad takes Matt and his friend, Nan, to the beach.

The kids are at the beach. They have fun in the sun. Matt’s dad sits on the sand.

Show some sand.

Have you been to the beach? If yes, what did you see and do there? (T-P-S)
Matt’s dad has brought a tire tube for the children to float on in the water. He starts to blow it full of air.

Matt’s dad gets a 🏠. Puff! Puff! Puff! He puffs the 🏠 big and fat.

Point to the tire. Pretend to blow up a tire.
Matt’s dad blows up the tire until it is the right size for Nan.

Nan puts the ⌀ in the ⦿. She gets on the ⌀. She fits! It is fun to sit on the fat ⌀.

Demonstrate fits with something too small, something too big, and something that fits.
Nan is floating in the water. She’s having a lot of fun! But suddenly she sees something that scares her.

Nan sees a fin in the water. Is it a shark? Nan jumps off the tire. “A fin! A fin!” she says.

Point to the fin. Explain that a shark is a big fish with sharp teeth.
Nan gets back to the beach. Matt’s dad is on the sand. But Matt is not.

Why would Nan be afraid of sharks? (T-P-S)
Nan sees him.  
“Matt! I saw a fin!” says Nan.

Where do you think Matt was?
Did Matt see the fin, too?

Matt says, “I did not see a fin. I was on the sand.” But Nan can see. Matt is wet.

How can you tell he was in the water? (T-P-S)
“Matt, that is a fib,” Nan says. “That fin was not a shark. It was you!”

Matt admits that he was pretending to be the shark. He found a swim fin and held it up near Nan to scare her. Nan and Matt laugh about Matt’s funny trick! Or was it a finny trick?

A fib is when you don’t tell the truth.
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1. **What did Nan do with the tire?**
   
   [Nan sat on the tire in the water.]

2. **Why was Nan afraid?**
   
   [Nan thought that the fin was a shark.]

3. **How did Matt trick Nan?**
   
   [Matt made his fin stick out of the water like a shark’s fin.]

4. **How did Nan know Matt was fibbing?**
   
   [Matt said he was on the beach but he was all wet.]
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