

DEBRIEFING

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Nella showed an OK sign to Skubba, by which she asked if he was ready to dive. As a trained diver, he replied with the same OK sign, signalling he was ready for his first dive. Then they released the air from their BCDs and they slowly descended. They broke the water's surface and Skubba entered the underwater world for the first time as a real diver.

Skubba immediately felt at home. This was his world. Thanks to the many swimming pool exercises, he knew how to use his dive equipment and therefore he could enjoy his visit to the fullest.

Luckily Nella was nearby to help him occasionally. She also pointed several things out to him, a fish, various plants... He enjoyed every moment of it.

Fred stood next to the 'safety diver' at the edge of the water. Because he could only see bubbles, he asked the lady with her big sheet of paper what she had to do.

"Diving is not dangerous, is it?" he asked.

"No, diving is not more dangerous than football, for example, because we ensure that everything can be done safely. My job is to write down everyone who goes into the water and who comes out. If a team has been away for too long, I can send someone to see if there are any problems. I also look to the surface of the water to see if there are divers who come up and need extra help."

"And what's in those suitcases?"

"Oh, that's the oxygen bottle and the first aid kit. Do you know what that is?"

"Oh yes, we learned about it in the pool session."

"That is good," she replied.

"When will they come up?"

"It can take a while, because they just left... let me have a look... about 10 minutes ago."

Skubba was disappointed when Nella gave him the signal to surface. He wanted to answer with the signal 'No', but that would not be fair to his fellow divers waiting for their turn. Slowly he went back up, saying goodbye to this new world. Until next time!

"I see bubbles in front of us. They are getting bigger. There they are."

The friendly security lady stopped Fred, because she thought he would jump in. He was so enthusiastic. She did not know that Fred was afraid of water and would never jump in.

He went to the waterfront and took all the equipment from

Skubba and Nella. He brought everything up, and

doing that he got soaking wet. It made him feel like a diver. Fred was as wet as Skubba was coming out of the water.

Together they disassembled everything and put it back in its place. Fred helped Skubba to get out of his wetsuit. Nella asked them to go to her when they were done. Skubba told Fred everything he had seen and experienced.

After the dive Nella told them what they had seen. She also gave him Skubba some points to pay attention to the next time he would dive. She called this a debriefing.

