

09. THE FIGHT

• Comprehension Check (Page 49):

- 1) *In the Rajputana desert, the pools were sticky and muddy where women washed clothes or buffaloes wallowed. But the forest pool was clean, cold and inviting.*
- 2) *i) The other boy expected Ranji to say "sorry".*
ii) The other boy was a bully. He was wrong to prevent Ranji from using the pool because the pool was a common property.
- 3) *It is the other boy, who is trying to start a quarrel. He asks Ranji to run away from the pool. He even threatens to beat him.*
- 4) *i) The other boy spoke the above words because he was tired but he did not want to spare Ranji who refused to accept defeat. So, he deferred the fight for the next day.*
ii) No, the fight didn't continue the next day. Both Suraj and Ranji needed each other's help, so they compromised. Suraj asked Ranji to teach him to dive and swim under water while Ranji agreed to become a wrestler with the help of Suraj.

• Comprehension Check (Page 53):

- 1) *Ranji had several cuts and bruises on his face and arms. He finds it difficult to explain the injuries at home.*
- 2) *i) At first, Ranji felt like turning away and look the other way. His second thought was to hit his adversary with the lemonade bottle.*
ii) He actually stands his ground and only scowls at Suraj because it would be a foolishness to invite and fight with his enemy in the mid of bazaar.
- 3) *Ranji decides to go back to the pool to gain self - respect. If he surrenders now, he would be beaten for all time.*

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- 4) *Ranji was decidedly the better swimmer. He could swim the length of the pool a dozen times without tiring.
We know it when he swims across the pool as his opponent challenges him.*
- 5) *Ranji executes another perfect dive. Swimming under water, he circles Suraj and comes upon him from behind. The warrior, Suraj, was surprised to see Ranji's skills.*
- 6) *At the pool, the warrior and the fighter forgot to continue the fight. Their interests shift to swimming and diving.*
- 7) *Good diving, Swimming under water, willingness to help, sense of humour.*
- 8) *Ranji and Suraj, two adversaries, turned into good friends in a few minutes for a couple of reasons. Both were tired of fighting. Both needed each other's help, guidance and support. Suraj wanted to learn diving from Ranji. While Ranji liked the idea of becoming a strong wrestler with the help of Suraj.*