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Maisy Learns to Swim – Lucy Cousins

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Maisy the mouse is a little nervous about her first swimming lesson. She packs a bag with her swimsuit, towel, goggles and shower things.

On her way to the pool, Maisy meets Eddie the elephant and Tallulah the duck. Her friends are going swimming too. Eddie is so keen he's already wearing his goggles. "I'm an underwater diver!" he says.

The changing rooms at the pools are very busy. When Maisy stands beside the pool she dips her toes into the water. It's freezing! Eddie doesn't mind. He jumps in with a splash.

Maisy and Tallulah slowly get used to the water and like the swish-swash, splish-splash feeling.

Their swim teacher leads the class through kicking and floating exercises until they're feeling confident. Then they have fun blowing bubbles that go blup-blup-blup.

Maisy is always so positive about her experiences that children gain the confidence to try new activities. The bright, bold illustrations build rapport with the characters and draw readers into their adventures.

This hardback book is a good introduction to a swimming lesson and will prepare youngsters well for their first class in the pool.

Reviewed by children's book author Jean Bennett.

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