



Compare Your Think Aloud With Kiam's Think Aloud:

Kiam's Think Aloud: The first question asks, "How is swimming in a lake different than swimming in a pool?" After reading the passage, I noticed one difference included in the text. "Fish" are swimming in the lake. Although it doesn't say that there are no fish in a pool, I am able to infer that, based on my experience of swimming in a pool. Another difference comes to mind as I consider other things that swim in lakes. Based on my experience with natural waters, things like bugs, turtles, or even snakes can swim in lakes too. These things are not found swimming in pools. In answering this question, I'm thinking about the text I read and my prior knowledge, so I know this is an *In my Head: Author and Me* question type. My answer is, "There are several differences between swimming in lakes and pools. Lakes have fish and other water animals such as bugs, turtles, and snakes, while pools do not."

The second question asks, "If you were going to summer camp, what is one item you'd be sure to pack? Why?" Since this question is asking what I would pack I know that it is an *In My Head: On My Own* question type because it is asking for my opinion. Since the question is personal I know that the answer is not found in the text. I will think about my experiences camping. When I've been camping I've found that there are not a lot of lights like there are in town. Since I know this from my experience I would pack a flashlight. This would be helpful when the sun goes down and I need to see when walking outside. I will record this as my answer.

Questions and Answers:

How is swimming in a lake different than swimming in a pool?

There are several differences between swimming in lakes and pools. Lakes have fish and other water animals such as bugs, turtles, and snakes, while pools do not.

If you were going to summer camp, what is one item you'd be sure to pack? Why?

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Swimming Surprise

Shawn lived in an apartment in a busy city. He was going to summer camp for the first time. As he packed his suitcase, he checked off the items on the camp list.

"Swim trunks?" Shawn read. "There wasn't a pool at camp when we visited last fall."

A few days later, Shawn and his parents arrived at the camp. Shawn saw the horses, craft center, baseball diamond, and lots of kids, too. "This looks so fun!" Shawn said.



Then, he asked his camp counselor about swimming.

"We swim in the lake," said the counselor. "In fact, there are others swimming in it right now."

Shawn was excited about the crystal blue lake, but he didn't see any swimmers. **"Who's swimming in it right now?"** he asked.

"Fish!" said the counselor.

Questions To Think About:

- How do *question stems* help signal "In My Head" questions?
- What type of thinking do you need to do in order to answer "In My Head" questions?
- Why is it helpful to use your own background knowledge when answering an "In My Head" question?
- Why might this strategy be useful?
- When might this process be helpful?