## **Mateo** and the 1000 Books



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Mateo is swimming to the library.

Mateo has read 1000 books!

Mateo is swimming very fast.





Mateo meets the Otters.

"Hello, Mateo! Why are you swimming so fast?"

"I'm going to the library because I read 1,000 books!"



"Can we come, Mateo? Baby Otter wants to read books too!"

"Sure," says Mateo. "Let's swim to the library!"

And they all swim very fast.



Mateo meets the Frogs.

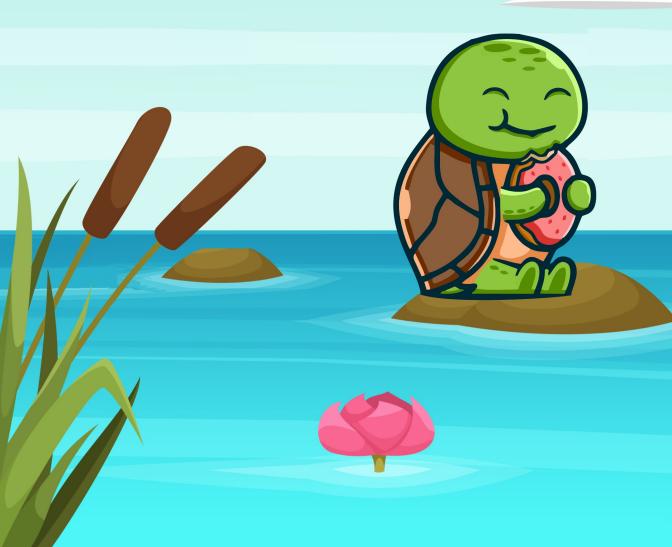
- "Hello, Mateo! Why are you swimming so fast?"
- I'm going to the library because I read 1,000 books!
- The Otters are coming too!



"Can we come, Mateo? Baby Frog loves to read! Sure, says Mateo. Let's swim to the library! And they all swim very fast. Mateo meets the Ducks.

"Hello, Mateo! Why are you swimming so fast?"

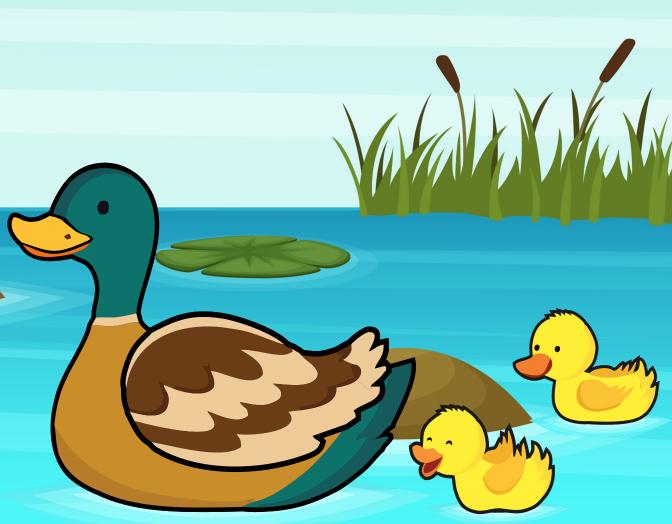
"I'm going to the library because I read 1,000 books! The Otters and the Frogs are coming too!"



"Can we come, Mateo? The baby ducks are learning to read!"

"Sure", says Mateo. "Let's swim to the library"

And they all swim very fast.



Mateo and the Otters and the Frogs and the Ducks are at the library.

"Hello, Mateo!", says the librarian. "Did you read 1,000 books?"

"Yes I did," says Mateo.

"Great job, Mateo, here is your special book!" "Thank you! And the Otters and the Frogs and the Ducks want to read 1,000 books too!"

"Wonderful!" says the librarian. "Then they will get a special book, too."

"And we'll all be ready for Kindergarten," says Mateo.







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