



Sinking Fast!

Part 1

Teacher Reads In the first part of this story, Emma and Nic realized the boat had a slow leak, and they needed to stop it from sinking. Let's find out what they do next.

The rowboat floated with a tilt. "Bail the water as
10 fast as you can, Emma! I will throw the fish and the
22 bait off the boat. That will help us to keep floating.
33 I wish I had not slept," Nic said.
41 "It looks as if we are still a long way from land,"
53 Emma said. "Can we get back to land with all this
64 water in the rowboat?"

Part 2

Teacher Reads The land seems far away. Emma and Nic are in a race against time—and water!

68 "Let's wait and see," said Nic. "I think we can.
78 The wind has blown us a little. We seem to be floating
90 OK. The dock where we got the boat is just past the
102 next bend."
104 At last, they saw the boats at the dock. "There
114 it is!" Emma said. "Let's get to the dock and get off
126 this boat!"



Part 3

Teacher Reads Nic and Emma kept the rowboat from sinking and made it to the dock. As for the leaky boat, the man at the dock has some explaining to do.

128 “There was a big mix-up,” said the man at the dock.

140 “You got the boat with the leak. This is the day I had
153 plans to fix that leak. Are you OK?” he said.

163 “Yes, we are,” Emma said. “But it was not the best
174 day for us!” she said, a bit upset.

182 Nic said, “I will not be sleeping on a boat. The water
194 is not fun when you are in a boat that leaks!”

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