

The Big Blue Thing

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Dad brought home one big box. It looked like a boring old box.

Dad opened the box. There were three more boxes inside the first box!

The first box had a lot of white tubes. Dad lined those up. There were a few kinds of tubes.



The second box had a big blue thing. Dad flattened it out. It looked like a circle.

The third box had pipes and a machine with a plug. Who knew what that was for?

Dad took the pipes and built a frame. The round blue thing went inside.

The machine came next. It went on the side of the round blue thing. It had lots of screws.

Dad got a hose and turned on the water. He climbed around inside. He moved his feet.



He was smoothing out wrinkles. He was being careful to get it right.

When the water got higher, he got out. He left the hose running a long time!

He plugged in the machine with the pipes. It pumped water.

Do you know what Dad made?

He made a swimming pool!



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 - A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. none

2. How many boxes were inside the first box?
 - A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. none

3. Which of these is NOT inside one of the three boxes?
 - A. white tubes
 - B. pipes and a machine
 - C. a big blue thing
 - D. water

4. Why does Dad need a hose?
 - A. to fill the pool
 - B. to get a drink
 - C. to wash the dog
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