**Comprehension Questions for “A Dip in the Pool”**

1. Describe the setting of this story. Cite 5 words or phrases from the text (along with page numbers) that provide you with evidence?

2) What kind of boat do you think they are on? How can you be certain?

3) What does Mr Botibol trying to do when he asks the elevator operator: "What I want to know is will the captain already have made his estimate on the day's run, you know, for the auction pool?"

By the way…how does the captain make his estimate?

4) What does the amount the Botibols have in their bank account and the amount Mr. Botibol decides to bid tell you about Botibol?

5) What does he plan to do with the money if he wins? Infer 1 thing about Botibol in respect to his marital relationship using his “fantasy” as to how he will present his winnings to his wife.

6). Describe Botibol’s plan. What would motivate him to risk his own life over an auction bid? What does this say about Botibol’s character?

7) What does Botibol need to check about the woman on the deck to ensure that his plan will go off without a hitch?

8). What is going on with the woman on deck at the end of the story? Use textual evidence in your response.

10) Identify two or three examples of irony in the story (example, type and explanation) and while you are at it, explain the double meaning of the title.