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Otter Let's Go Swimming!

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It is summer and Otter is so excited to go to the beach. He pictures himself being a very good swimmer, but the closer he gets to the water, the more scared he becomes. Otter’s owner tries many different things to encourage Otter. For example, he swims in the ocean with an inner tube. Next, he swims in the ocean with Otter’s stuffed animals, which successfully convinces Otter to get in the water. Otter finally enjoys kicking and splashing. Time flies as Otter has fun at the beach, and soon it is time to go home, but of course, Otter still wants to swim!

The illustrations are from a child or otter’s perspective, lower to the ground. The words and pictures are from the otter’s perspective. Otter is absolutely adorable in all of his swimming gear, including a snorkel mask, floaties, an inner tube, and flippers. The owner of the otter is called “Otter Keeper,” which sounds distant, but in reality they are good friends. Otter uses his stuffed animals (who don’t like to get wet and don’t like fish) to cover up his fear of going in the water. A fear of the ocean or water can be a common fear of many children, so this book is relatable. The simple, repetitive text will help beginning readers experience success.