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The Wind in the Willows Comprehension 1

'Ratty,' said the Mole suddenly, one bright summer morning, 'if you please, I want to ask you a favour.'

The Rat was sitting on the river bank, singing a little song. He had just composed it himself, so he was very taken up with it, and would not pay proper attention to Mole or anything else. Since early morning he had been swimming in the river, in company with his friends the ducks. And when the ducks stood on their heads suddenly, as ducks will, he would dive down and tickle their necks, just under where their chins would be if ducks had chins, till they were forced to come to the surface again in a hurry, spluttering and angry and shaking their feathers at him, for it is impossible to say quite ALL you feel when your head is under water. At last they implored him to go away and attend to his own affairs and leave them to mind theirs.

From The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

1. Find a **group of words** which suggest that Mole is very polite.
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2. Why didn't Ratty pay any attention to mole?
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3. What do the ducks think of Ratty? Explain fully.
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4. Why was **ALL** written in capital letters?
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5. Which **word** in the text means to beg someone to do something?
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