

LITTLE TOOT



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Toot! Toot! No, I'm not one of those big boats! Look down to find me. I'm a little boat.



I'm Little Toot! I'm a water taxi. Do you want a ride?
I can take you across the harbor.



That's my Grandpa. He used to be a water taxi, too!
He taught me all about the harbor.



Get on board and let's go! Wave at people on the dock.
Maybe they will ride later.



We're going out into the harbor now. I can tell you about everything we see!



Hey, want to help drive? Come in and turn the wheel to steer me. You can toot the whistle, too!



Go slow past these big boats. We don't want to make big waves here.



Many people keep their sailboats here. Some people like to race their boats!



The Harbor Patrol is helping the people in that raft. It was sinking! Their dog wants to get onto the dock.



Shh! That's one of my friends. He's a harbor seal.
He is taking a nap right now.



See the birds on the sand bar? Those are pelicans and sea gulls. They are my friends, too!



Look at all those sea lions riding on the buoy! They look comfortable, don't they?



Wow! It's a pirate ship! But they are not real pirates.
It's just a fun ride.



We crossed the harbor. There is the dock. Toot the whistle to let people know we're here!



You were a great driver! If you want to ride again, I'll be right here. See you later!



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Note: The boat's real, official name is Lil' Toot, but I decided to write it out to avoid burdening students with that contraction. Lil' Toot is the charming water taxi for the harbor at Santa Barbara, California, and kids really do have a chance to drive the boat.