

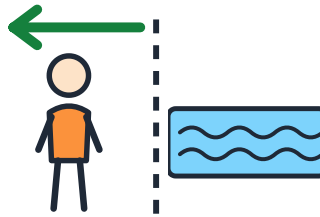
A. Picture cards

Cut apart. Use one set per group.



Stop

Hand out flat like a stop sign



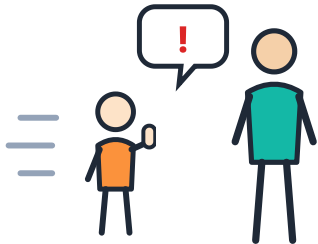
Stay back

Take a big step back



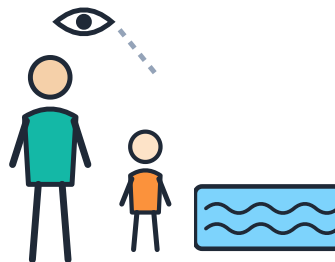
Ask first

May I go near the water?



Get a grown-up

Shout and point



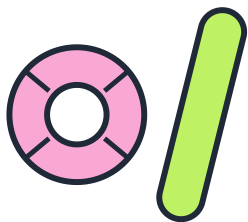
A grown-up is watching

Water places need a grown-up



Life jacket

Safety gear for boats, lakes and rivers

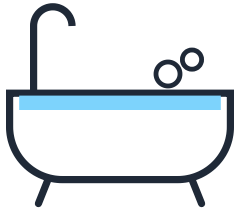


Toys are not safety gear

Swim rings, noodles and floaties are for fun

B. Water places and dry places

Cut apart for the Lesson 1 sort.



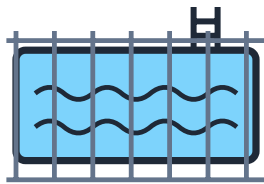
Bathtub



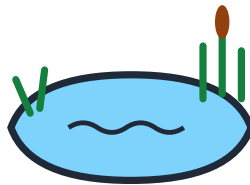
Bucket



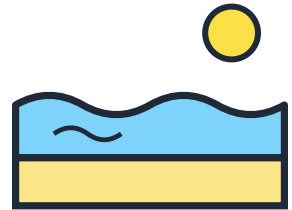
Wading pool



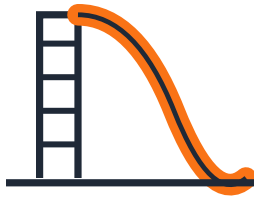
Pool



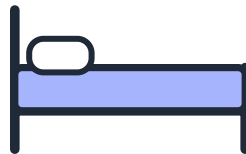
Pond



Beach



Slide



Bed



Blocks

C. Spot the water places

Name: _____

Circle every place that has water. Then color them. A grown-up needs to be watching at every water place.



Books



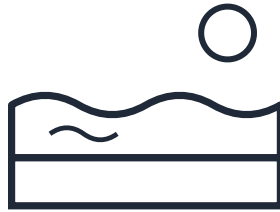
Pond



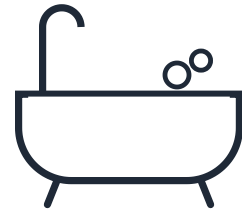
Bucket



Bed



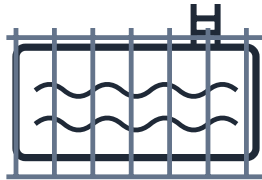
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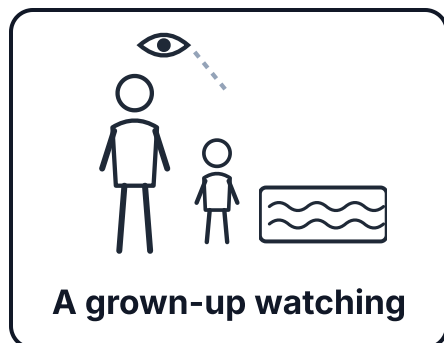


Slide

D. Safety gear or just a toy?

Name: _____

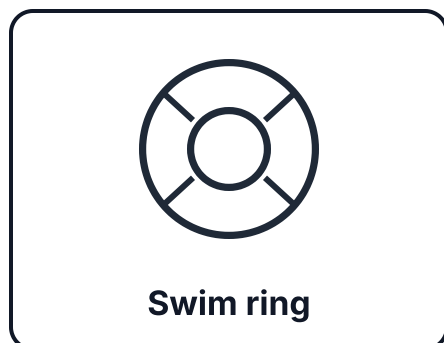
Draw a line from each picture to "Keeps me safe" or "Just a toy."



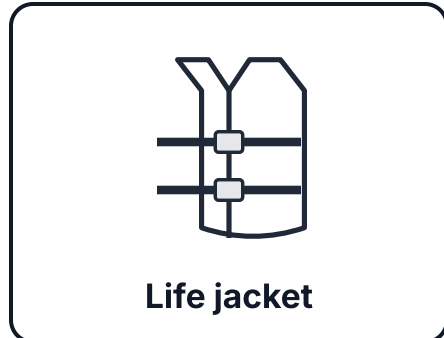
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Keeps me safe



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Just a toy

Answers for teachers: a grown-up watching and a life jacket keep kids safe; the swim ring and the noodle are toys (CDC, AAP). Even with a life jacket, a grown-up still watches. WaterWiseKids Kindergarten Water Safety Package, version 1.0.

E. My safe grown-ups and help words

Name: _____

Draw or write a safe grown-up at school and one at home or another place you spend time.

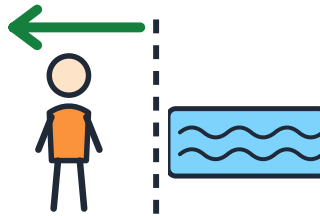
At school

At home or another place

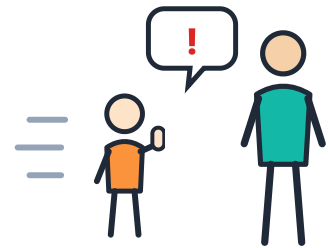
If someone in the water needs help, or I can't find my friend, I:



Stop



Stay back



Get a grown-up

My help words:

HELP! COME QUICK!

F. Family note: what we learned about water safety

Dear families,

Our class just finished three water safety lessons. Your child practiced:

- **Water places need a grown-up watching**, even a bathtub or a bucket.
- **Ask first** before going near any water, and wait for an answer.
- **Toys don't keep you safe**. Swim rings, noodles and floaties are toys. A life jacket is safety gear for boats, lakes and rivers.
- **If something is wrong: stop, stay back, and get a grown-up**. Children never go in or reach in to help. Ask your child to show you the help words!

What grown-ups can do, from national health and safety organizations:

- Watch closely and constantly whenever your child is in or near water, including the bathtub. Drowning happens in seconds and is often silent (CDC).
- Floaties, water wings and inflatable toys do not prevent drowning (AAP). Children should always wear a life jacket in, on or near lakes and rivers (AAP).
- A home pool needs a fence at least 4 feet high on all four sides, with a self-closing, self-latching gate (CDC, AAP).
- Swim lessons can help reduce drowning risk, and children who have had lessons still need close, constant supervision (CDC, AAP).
- Learn CPR. CPR skills could save someone's life in the time it takes for paramedics to arrive (CDC).

These lessons did not teach swimming, and they do not make any child safe near water alone. A grown-up watching is what keeps children safe.

Teacher:

Class:

Sources: CDC Preventing Drowning ([cdc.gov/drowning/prevention/](https://www.cdc.gov/drowning/prevention/)); AAP HealthyChildren.org, Drowning Prevention for Curious Toddlers and Swim Lessons. Checked October 12, 2026. From the WaterWiseKids Kindergarten Water Safety Package, version 1.0, waterwisekids.com/educators/