



SWIMMING LESSONS

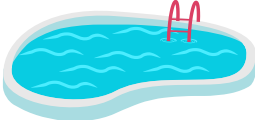
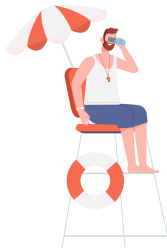
Discuss

- Where do you go swimming?
- Can you swim?
- What do you bring when you go swimming?



Vocabulary

Match the words below with the pictures.

Pool Slippers	Slide Floaty	Lifeguard Drown	Towels Shallow/ Deep
 _____	 _____	 _____	 _____
 _____	 _____	 _____	 _____

Comprehension

Every day after school, mum takes Jim to the public swimming pool. Jim loves to go swimming, but his mum says it is always tough to get him out when it is time to leave. Jim loves playing in the water and always asks to go to the pool any chance he gets. When it is summer, he will ask to go to the pool every day because it is so hot in Hong Kong. The bigger problem with Jim going to the pool is that he cannot swim. He needs to wear floaties to help him swim in the pool.

Jim's mom put him in swimming school, but he hates it because he cannot play as much as he wants. The teacher, Jen, is also very strict because it is important to be safe in the swimming pool. She says that it is very important to listen to the lifeguards at the pool because they want to keep everyone safe. Jim already follows a lot of rules at school, so he wants to only have fun.



Jim has done one month of swimming lessons so far and is now okay at swimming. He can float and swim without help for a short time. Jim mostly stays at the shallow end of the pool because he can touch the floor with his feet. He told his mom he wants to go to the new swimming pool because they have a new big slide. It is super tall, so you can slide down it fast. Jim wants to go because it looks exciting and fun. Jim got his colourful towel and put on his slippers to go to the swimming pool. When he gets to the swimming pool, he gets straight in line for the slide.



Jim waits in line and is very excited to go down the slide. There is a sign that tells swimmers they need to be excellent swimmers because the pool will be deep. Jim thinks it will not be a problem for him. After 20 minutes, Jim is next for the slide and gets ready. He is so excited to go down he does not listen to the lifeguard and goes without hearing the lifeguard say "go". Jim goes down the slide fast and is shouting with joy. However, at the end he almost hits someone and needs to move out of the way fast. Jim misses the person but is now drowning in the deep water.

Comprehension

Lucky for Jim, there is a lifeguard nearby who jumps in to save him. The lifeguard pulls Jim out from the water and gives him room to catch his breath. Jim's mom comes over to see if her son is okay. She gives him a hug and thanks the lifeguard. Once things are calm, Jim says thank you to the lifeguard and says he was sorry for not listening. Jim also says he will do better at his swimming lessons so he can be a lifeguard in the future too!

Questions

1. What does Jim love to do?

2. What does Jim wear to the pool because he cannot swim

3. How long has Jim been taking swimming lessons?

4. Why does Jim want to go to the new swimming pool?

5. What happens when he goes down the slide?

6. What does Jim want to be in the future?



Read the sentences about the story and number them in order of when they happened.

Jim was drowning in the water.

Jim had swimming lessons with teacher Jen.

The lifeguard jumped in the water to save Jim.

Jim went down the slide.

Jim waited to go down the slide.

Mum hugged Jim after the lifeguard saved him.

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Grammar - Simple Present Tense

Explanation

The Present Simple Tense

We use the present simple tense to talk about what people or things are doing right now or that happens a lot. We identify the present tense by adding an "s" to the verb or using the root (original) word.

Example

Mum takes Jim to the public swimming pool.

Which word is the verb?

Who takes Jim?



When we see these words in a sentence below,
the verb **should** have an 's' at the end.

It	Verb + s
She	
He	
Person's Name	

Example

She **runs** to the store.

He **walks** to school.



When we see the words below in a sentence,
the verb **should not** have an "s" at the end

I	Verb
They	
We	
2 or more names	

Example

We can **run** to school.

They **hit** the ball.



Practice I

Fill in the missing spaces in the sentences below using the words in the box to help you.

Swim Dive Bring
Swims Dives Brings

1. Jim and John _____ together into the public swimming pool.
2. Jim _____ at the nice beach.
3. They _____ down to watch television.
4. The boy _____ to catch the bus.
5. He _____ his slippers to the beach so he doesn't get sand in his new shoes.
6. The lifeguard _____ into the deep end of the pool to save the drowning boy.

Practice II

Complete the sentences using the pictures and the words in the box to help you.

Cry Jumps Sit Runs Eats

1. They _____ everyday before school.
2. She _____ her breakfast in the morning.
3. They _____ down to watch television.
4. The boy _____ to catch the bus.
5. The cow _____ over the moon.

Grammar Cont. - To Be

Present simple tense

Another way to show the present simple tense is to have the "to be" verbs being used be "am / is / are" depending on the pronoun being used.

Subject	To Be
I	am
you	are
he she it	is
we you they	are

Example

He **is** 5 years old.

They **are** going to the store.

How old is the boy?

Where are they going?



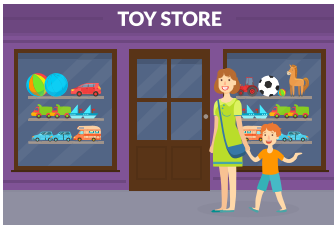
Practice III

Fill in the correct "to be" word for each sentence.

1. He _____ over the hill waiting for a ride.
2. They _____ going to make a birthday cake for their mom.
3. I _____ smashing potatoes for dinner tonight.
4. We _____ the best looking people at the party.
5. It _____ the biggest meatball I have ever seen.

Practice IV

Using the present simple tense, describe where the people in the pictures below are. Draw where you are in the empty box.

Homework

Draw a picture of you going swimming and write a story about it.

- Where do you go swimming?
- Who are you with?
- What did you bring?
- How long were you there for?

Write 3 -5 sentences.