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Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Circle group

A busy pool is like a busy road. Many people want to move in the same space. Without rules, they would bump into each other. So a pool has rules too.

On a road, cars keep to one side. A fast car may pass a slow one. A pool lane is much the same. Swimmers follow each other in a circle. They swim down one side and back on the other. Nobody swims head-on into someone.

Pools have lanes for speeds. A slow lane is for people who take their time. A fast lane is for strong swimmers. Pick the lane that fits you.

Road rules and pool rules keep people safe. A lifeguard watches the pool. Rules like "walk, do not run" help. When people follow the rules, everyone gets a turn.

Questions

1. Why does a busy pool have rules?

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2. How do swimmers move in a lane?

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3. Who is the fast lane for?

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4. Who watches the pool?

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5. How is a pool lane like a road?

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6. Why pick the lane that fits how you swim?

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Words to know

lane: a narrow path for one line of travelers
head-on: straight toward someone from the front
lifeguard: a trained person who watches swimmers to keep them safe
swimmers: people who move through water

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Triangle group

A busy pool can feel a lot like a busy road. Many people want to move in the same space. Without some rules, they would bump into each other. So a pool has rules, too.

Think of a road. Cars keep to one side, and a faster car may pass a slower one. A pool lane works in a similar way. In a lane, swimmers often follow each other in a circle. They swim down one side and come back on the other side. Nobody swims head-on into someone else.

Pools also have lanes for different speeds. A slow lane is for people who want to take their time. A fast lane is for strong swimmers who go quickly. Pick the lane that matches how you swim.

Road rules and pool rules are also alike in one more way. Both are there to keep people safe. A lifeguard watches the pool, and rules like "walk, do not run" help everyone. When people follow the rules, everyone gets a turn to enjoy the water.

Questions

1. Why does a busy pool have rules?

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2. How do swimmers often move in a lane?

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3. Who is the fast lane meant for?

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4. Who watches the pool to keep people safe?

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5. How is a pool lane like a road?

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6. Why should you choose the lane that matches how you swim?

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Words to know

lane: a narrow path for one line of travelers
head-on: straight toward someone from the front
lifeguard: a trained person who watches swimmers to keep them safe
similar: almost the same
swimmers: people who move through water

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Square group

A crowded pool can feel remarkably like a crowded road. Many people want to move through the same space at the same time, and without some rules they would collide with one another. For that reason, a pool has its own set of rules.

Consider how a road works. Cars keep to one side, and a faster car may pass a slower one. A pool lane operates in a similar way. Within a lane, swimmers often follow each other in a circle, traveling down one side and returning along the other. As a result, nobody swims head-on into another person.

Pools also set aside lanes for different speeds. A slow lane is meant for people who prefer to take their time, while a fast lane is reserved for strong swimmers who move quickly. You should choose the lane that matches how you swim.

Road rules and pool rules share one more purpose, which is to keep people safe. A lifeguard watches over the pool, and rules such as "walk, do not run" protect everyone. When people follow the rules, everybody gets a chance to enjoy the water.

Questions

1. Why does a crowded pool need rules?

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2. How do swimmers often travel within a lane?

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3. Who is the fast lane reserved for?

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4. Who watches over the pool to protect swimmers?

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5. In what way is a pool lane similar to a road?

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6. Why is it wise to choose the lane that matches how you swim?

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Words to know

lane: a narrow path for one line of travelers
head-on: straight toward someone from the front
lifeguard: a trained person who watches swimmers to keep them safe
similar: almost the same
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Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Easier · 134 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.5

1. People would bump into each other without them.
2. In a circle, down one side and back on the other.
3. Strong swimmers.
4. A lifeguard.
5. Both have rules for which way to go, so people do not crash.
6. Swimmers of the same speed will not slow each other down.

Triangle: Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

This passage · 174 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.6

1. Without rules, people would bump into each other.
2. They follow each other in a circle, going down one side and back on the other.
3. Strong swimmers who go quickly.
4. A lifeguard.
5. Both have rules for which way to go, so people do not run into each other.
6. Swimmers of the same speed will not slow down or bump into each other.

Square: Swim Lanes Work Like Road Rules

Harder · 188 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.3

1. Without rules, people would collide with one another.
2. They follow each other in a circle, down one side and back along the other.
3. Strong swimmers who move quickly.
4. A lifeguard.
5. Both have rules about which way to travel, so people do not run into each other.
6. Swimmers of similar speed will not slow down or bump into each other.