

TREND TASK

Swimming

Approach: Station**Level:** Year 4**Focus:** Rules for swimming safety.**Resources:** Pictures in answer booklet.**Questions/instructions:**

Look at these 3 pictures of swimming places. Try to write 2 special rules for each place.

% responses
2002 ('98)
year 4**Swimming pool**

Special rules for swimming in pools:



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appropriate special rule
for pools

32 (28)

appropriate special rule
for pools

19 (24)

River

Special rules for swimming in rivers:



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appropriate special rule
for rivers

23 (25)

appropriate special rule
for rivers

17 (17)

Beach

Special rules for swimming at the beach:



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appropriate special rule
for beaches

60 (56)

appropriate special rule
for beaches

35 (36)

Total score: 4-6 11 (13)

2-3 47 (43)

0-1 42 (44)

Commentary:

This task was marked for the choice of rules especially appropriate to each place shown. General rules (don't swim alone; don't dunk people; don't dive in shallow water) were not counted. Students had more success with rules for the beach than for pools or rivers. There was almost no change between 1998 and 2002. The parallel task for year 8 students (*Safe Swimming*, p22) was apparently better because it asked students to identify general rules first, helping to make clear what a special rule was.