

Fancy a swim?

Activity sheet – Fancy a swim?

Water is a hazard. People drown.

In 2002 there were 427 accidental drownings in the UK – four hundred and twenty seven individual tragedies.

It's a good idea to work to reduce these accidents in the future. One option would be to ban all swimming in rivers and streams.

Part A

Use the data on 'Information sheet – The drowning problem' to answer the following questions.

- 1 Which type of incident resulted in more deaths than any other?
- 2 Which locations are unlikely to be places where swimming accidents took place?
- 3 a) How many people drowned while swimming?
b) In which month did most deaths from drowning occur?
- 4 a) How many people drowned in rivers and streams?
b) What is the maximum number who could have drowned in swimming incidents in rivers and streams?
c) Why is the actual number smaller than this?
- 5 a) Are males or females more likely to die from drowning?
b) Which age group is most likely to die from drowning?
- 6 How many people drowned as a result of alcohol related incidents?

Part B

- 1 In your group.
 - Make a list of reasons why swimming in streams and rivers should be banned.
 - Make a list of reasons why swimming in streams and rivers should not be banned.

You can use 'Activity sheet – The drowning problem (statements)' or 'Activity sheet – The drowning problem (cards)' to help you.

- 2 Make a list of suggestions to reduce the risks of swimming in rivers and streams.