

# Queen of the Pool

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1 Write the verbs in brackets in the past tense to complete these sentences.

- a Selena \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the country and she \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to stay there.
- b Her family \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to a new house, which \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a pool in the backyard.
- c Selena never \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to learn to swim because of what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to her one holiday at the beach.
- d A big wave \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) her over, \_\_\_\_\_ (bounce) her about on the sand and \_\_\_\_\_ (fill) her nose and mouth with salty water.
- e A woman \_\_\_\_\_ (pull) her out of the water and \_\_\_\_\_ (rescue) her.
- f After that Selena \_\_\_\_\_ (refuse) to go anywhere near the water.

2 Complete the table by adding the name of each speaker. Refer to the text to check your answers.

What was said	The speaker
"Why can't we stay here?"	
"She'll get over it."	
"Do you think your parents would mind if I practise in your pool?"	
"Just remember to keep the pool gate closed."	
"Come in. The water's great. You'll enjoy it."	
"Now Mum will be able to teach us to swim."	

3 Add *ing* to the verbs below. Circle the words that just need *ing* added to the base word; underline the words that need the last letter of the base word doubled before adding *ing*; and tick the words that need the e from the base word removed before adding *ing*. The first example has been done for you.

say	saying	run		come	
swim		hurry		skip	
fill		hope		scare	
please		live		love	
try		chop		transfer	
hop		beg		shake	

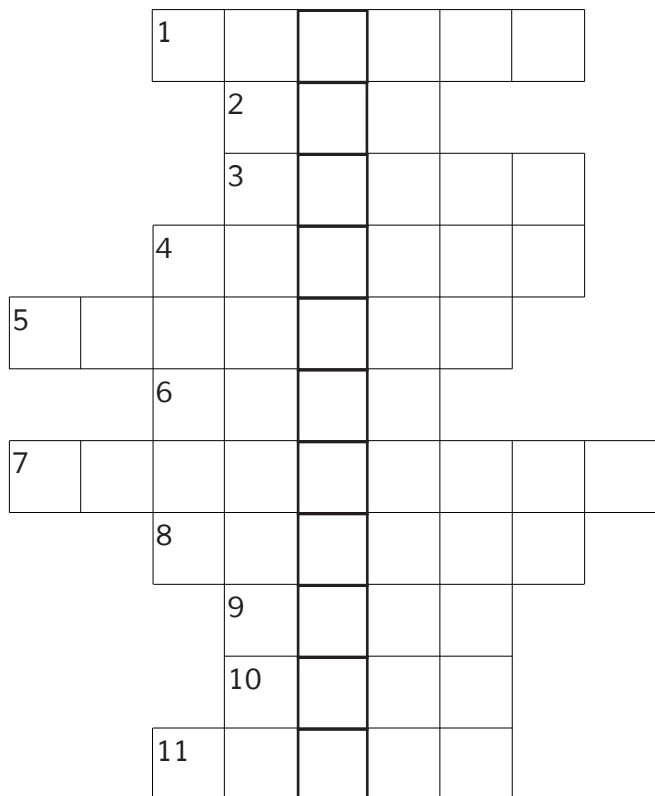
## Looking back and making connections

On the back of this sheet, list what sort of safety rules and equipment you would have if you had a pool in your backyard.

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1 Use the clues to complete this word puzzle.



- 1 The name of the main character.
- 2 Selena's family moved to a n \_ \_ house.
- 3 Selena's brother's name.
- 4 Selena was a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of water.
- 5 Jade nearly d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
- 6 The pool g \_ \_ \_ was left open.
- 7 Selena's dad was transferred because he got a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
- 8 Selena jumped in the pool to r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Jade.
- 9 Selena decided to learn to s \_ \_ \_.
- 10 One of the safety measures was a blow-up r \_ \_ \_.
- 11 Selena's brother said that she could be in the Olympic G \_ \_ \_ \_.

2 List the safety measures that Selena's parents took after Jade nearly drowned.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Fill in the table to show how Selena changed in the story.

What Selena was like at the beginning of the story.	What Selena was like at the end of the story.

4 On the other side of this sheet, design a water safety poster.