

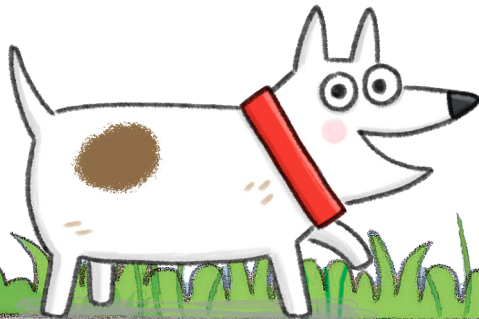
WATER SAFETY ACTIVITY PACK:

This pack consists of activity sheets for individual and group work, and whiteboard pictures for class discussion. Activities are aimed at **KS1** and **KS2**.

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Notes for teachers and additional information and discussion points on slides can be downloaded [here](#).

Our other Water Safety resources can be downloaded [here](#).



Are you aware of the hidden dangers near canals and rivers?



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For teachers'
eyes only!



Key words

Use these key words as a reminder while you work.



Float

Leisure

Identify

Hazard

Safety

Challenge

Explore

Water

Information

Advice

Community

Equipment

Emergency

Responsible

Ambulance

Fire brigade

Walking

Cautious

Bicycle

Notice

Learn

Towpath

Frosty

Careful

Weather

Police

Accident

Experience

Important

Curiosity

Appreciate

Accompany

Buoyancy aid

Make sure you learn the correct spellings!



Sensory words

Use these sensory words as a reminder while you work.



Reckless

Screech

Shivery

Dashing

Pungent

Plopping

Slippery

Rumble

Gleaming

Idyllic

Sparkling

Slimy

Glistening

Sharp

Enticing

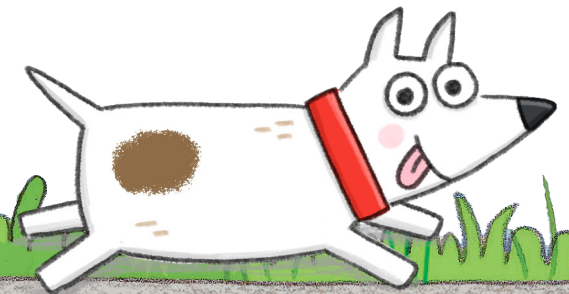
Earthy

Refreshing

Swish



Make sure you learn the correct spellings!






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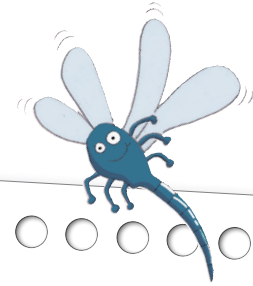
STUCK IN THE MUD!

A family of elephants was crossing a wide river when a baby elephant struggled to climb up the slippery bank of the River Ewaso Nyiro in Kenya. Using her trunk, its mother gently nudged the calf up the slope to join the rest of the herd. Afterwards, the tiny elephant strode away to dry off.



Have you heard the story about a baby elephant which had to be helped to get out of a river by its mother?

The RoSPA Water Safety Code



RoSPA stands for
The Royal Society
for the Prevention
of Accidents.

Can you make a four word phrase
of your own to help you remember
the Water Safety Code?

WATER SAFETY CODE

- 1 Spot the Dangers
- 2 Take safety Advice
- 3 Do not go Alone
- 4 Learn how to Help

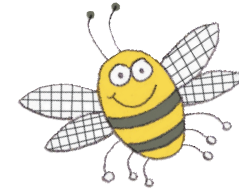
KEYWORDS

Dangers
Advice
Alone
Help

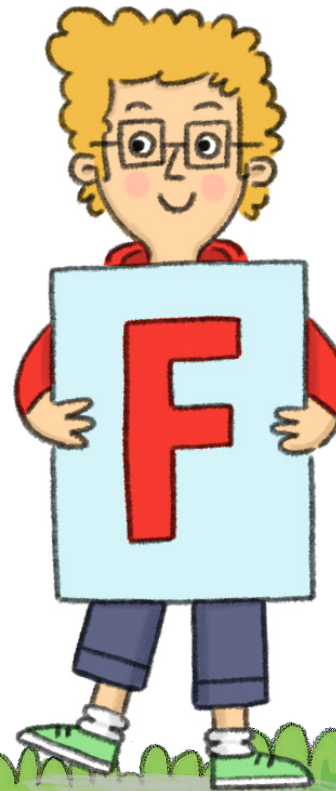
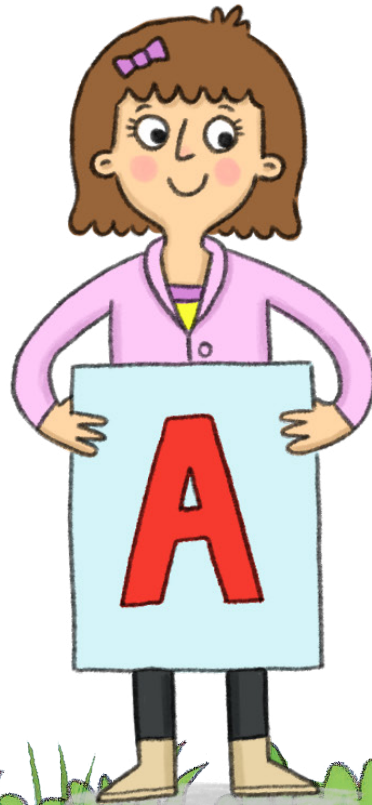
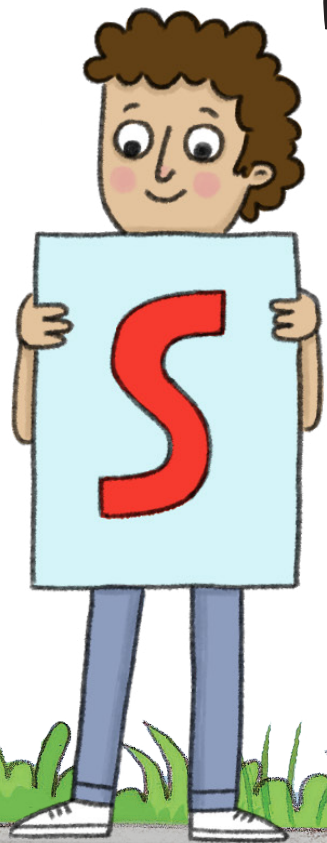
The order of the key
words can be changed,
you may also wish to
think of different words
to help you remember
the code.



The SAFE message



Always remember to stay
SAFE near water
- **S**tay **A**way **F**rom the **E**dge!



Spot the hidden dangers of a river

SLIDE 6



Spot the hidden dangers of a canal

SLIDE 7



Can you spot some of the dangers which could be in and around this canal?



A to Z of dangers

Write one 'danger' next to each letter of the alphabet.



- A...
- B...
- C...
- D...
- E...
- F...
- G...
- H...
- I...
- J...
- K...
- L...
- M...
- N...
- O...
- P...
- Q...
- R...
- S...
- T...
- U...
- V...
- W...
- X...
- Y...
- Z...

A to Z of dangers

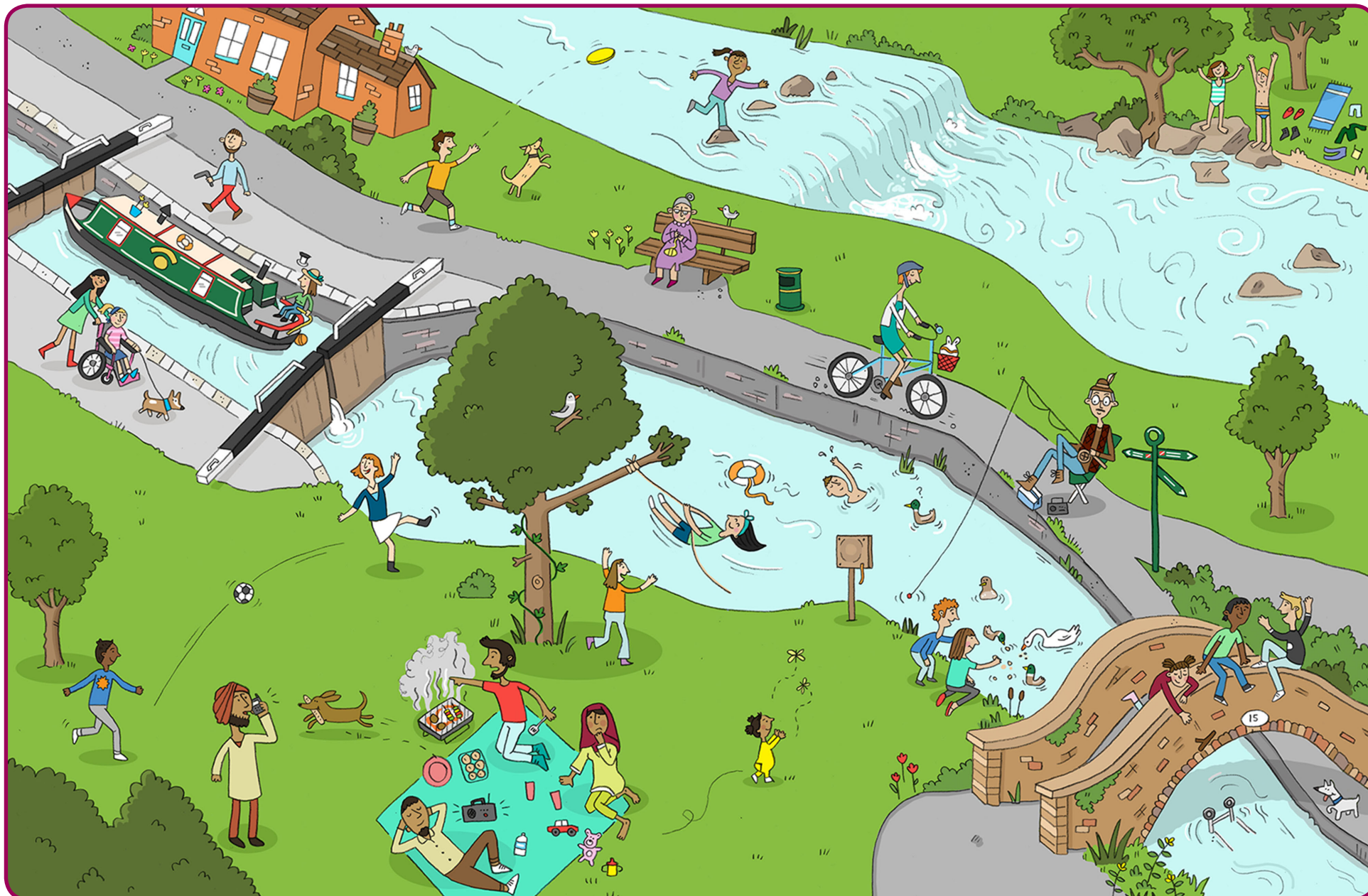
Here are some answers from our list.



- A...
- B... Broken bottles floating on surface
- C... Cyclist riding too close to the lock
- D... Dogs paddling in a fast current
- E...
- F... Fishing rods can be tripped over
- G... Gears on a lock can trap fingers
- H... Hidden and slippery edges
- I... Ice cold water or frozen rivers
- J... Jumping into deep murky water
- K...
- L... Leaning over the edge to feed the ducks
- M...
- N...
- O... Overhanging trees
- P... Playing near the water's edge
- Q... Quick visit to the reservoir alone
- R... Running off from your parents
- S... Sharp objects in the water
- T... Tree swinging near a canal
- U... Untreated water can cause infection
- V... Vegetation on the water's surface
- W... Wading in water to get your ball
- X...
- Y...
- Z...

Danger ranger

canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



Take safety advice

Signs near canals and rivers offer safety advice.

What does the safety sign below represent?



To be safe, people should choose to swim at a swimming pool or a beach with a lifeguard or other supervision.

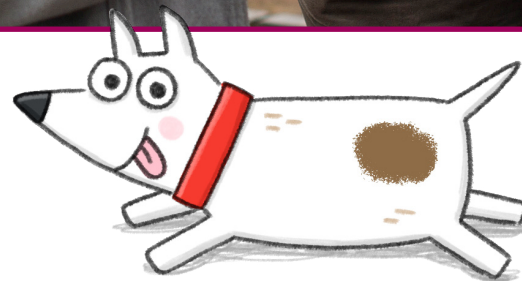
Design a sign to warn people to 'Stay Away From the Edge'. Make sure you use the correct shape and colour for a safety sign.



Do you have a local canal or river where you think this sign should be used?

Take safety advice

What advice do you think our education volunteer is giving to these children by a canal?



Don't go alone

SLIDE 13

Never be in or around water alone. There would be nobody to help if you got into trouble!



The River by Valerie Bloom



How do you think this poem can relate to water safety?

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The River's a wanderer,
A nomad, a tramp,
He doesn't choose any one place
To set up his camp.



The River's a winder,
Through valley and hill
He twists and he turns,
He just cannot be still.

The River's a hoarder,
And he buries down deep
Those little treasures
That he wants to keep.

The River's a baby,
He gurgles and hums,
And sounds like he's happily
Sucking his thumbs.

The River's a singer,
As he dances along,
The countryside echoes
The notes of his song.

The River's a monster
Hungry and vexed,
He's gobbled up trees
And he'll swallow you next.



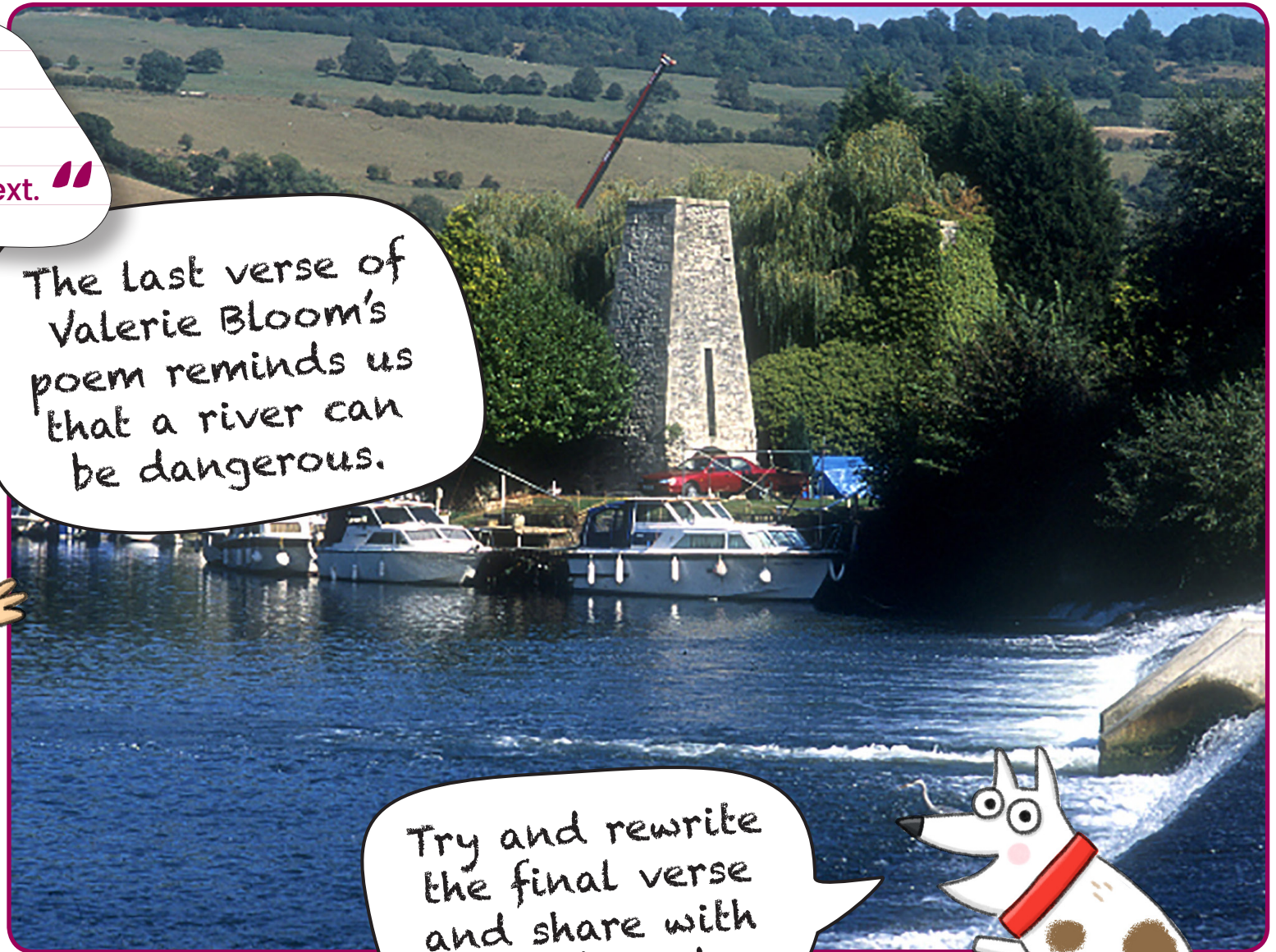
The River by Valerie Bloom

SLIDE 15

“ The River’s a monster
Hungry and vexed,
He’s gobbled up trees
And he’ll swallow you next. ”

© Valerie Bloom 2000

The last verse of
Valerie Bloom’s
poem reminds us
that a river can
be dangerous.



Try and rewrite
the final verse
and share with
your friends.



Learn how to help



If you see someone in trouble, follow this advice.

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

Keep calm. Always think before you act.

Try to get help by shouting "Help" as loudly as you can.

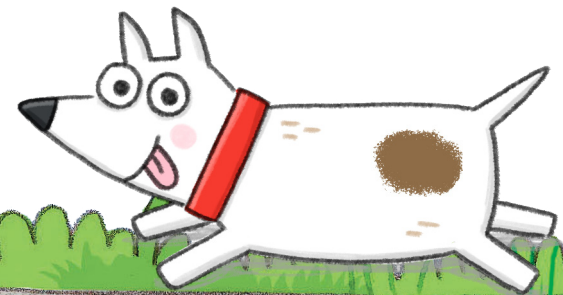
Phone 999 and ask for help. Use road names, bridge numbers or things that you can see to give your location.



Lie down to make yourself more stable then reach out with a stick.

NEVER JUMP INTO THE WATER YOURSELF!

Draw your own cartoon strip to show the most important safety points.



My water safety tips

Write your six top tips for staying SAFE near the water.

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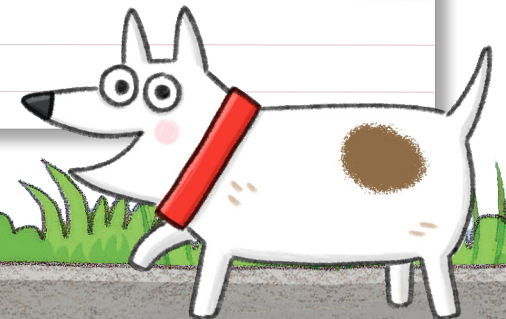
2.

3.

4.

5.

6.



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to stay
SAFE
near water



- Stay Away From the Edge!

