

The big WOW test - Answers!



1 Why shouldn't you ever jump canals and locks? (See pages 2 & 3)

Answer: The water is deep and the walls are slimy often with nothing to cling on to, which means it is difficult to get out.

2 Swimming pools are the safest place to swim. True or false? (See pages 4 & 5)

Answer: True. Swimming in canals and rivers is not allowed because of the danger of boats, deep water, strong currents and weeds.

3 Give two reasons why reservoirs can be dangerous places. (See pages 8 & 9)

Answer: Reservoirs are often lonely places with no one around if you get into trouble. There is often machinery hidden under the water.

4 Why might jumping off a bridge into water cause a terrible injury? (See pages 6 & 7)

Answer: Jumping off bridges can cause bones to be broken and serious head injuries.

5 Do your children know how to get hold of you at all times?

Answer: Always leave a telephone number with your children so they can get hold of you.

6 Do your children tell you when and where they are going, and what time they'll be back?

Answer: Insist on your children telling you when and where they are going and what time they'll be back.

7 Why is cold water very risky? (See page 11)

Answer: Very cold water can cause the body to close down and death within minutes.

8 Have you taught your children to make an emergency call?

Answer: Teach your children how to dial 999

9 Do your children know how to give accurate details of their location to emergency services? (See page 13)

Answer: Teach your children how to describe where they are accurately by looking for local landmarks. Show them how locks and canal bridges are numbered in sequence.

10 Why shouldn't you drink river or canal water even though it might look clean?

Answer: Because of the danger of Weil's disease carried by rats.

How well did the grown-ups do?

Give them a sticker for every correct answer. Add up the points for the final score.

Scores

10: BRILLIANT!

8-9: Not too bad.

5-7: Could do better.

5 and under: A RUBBISH result. INSIST grown-ups don't go near water with you until they've read this booklet.

Always remember to stay **SAFE** near water - **Stay Away From the Edge**