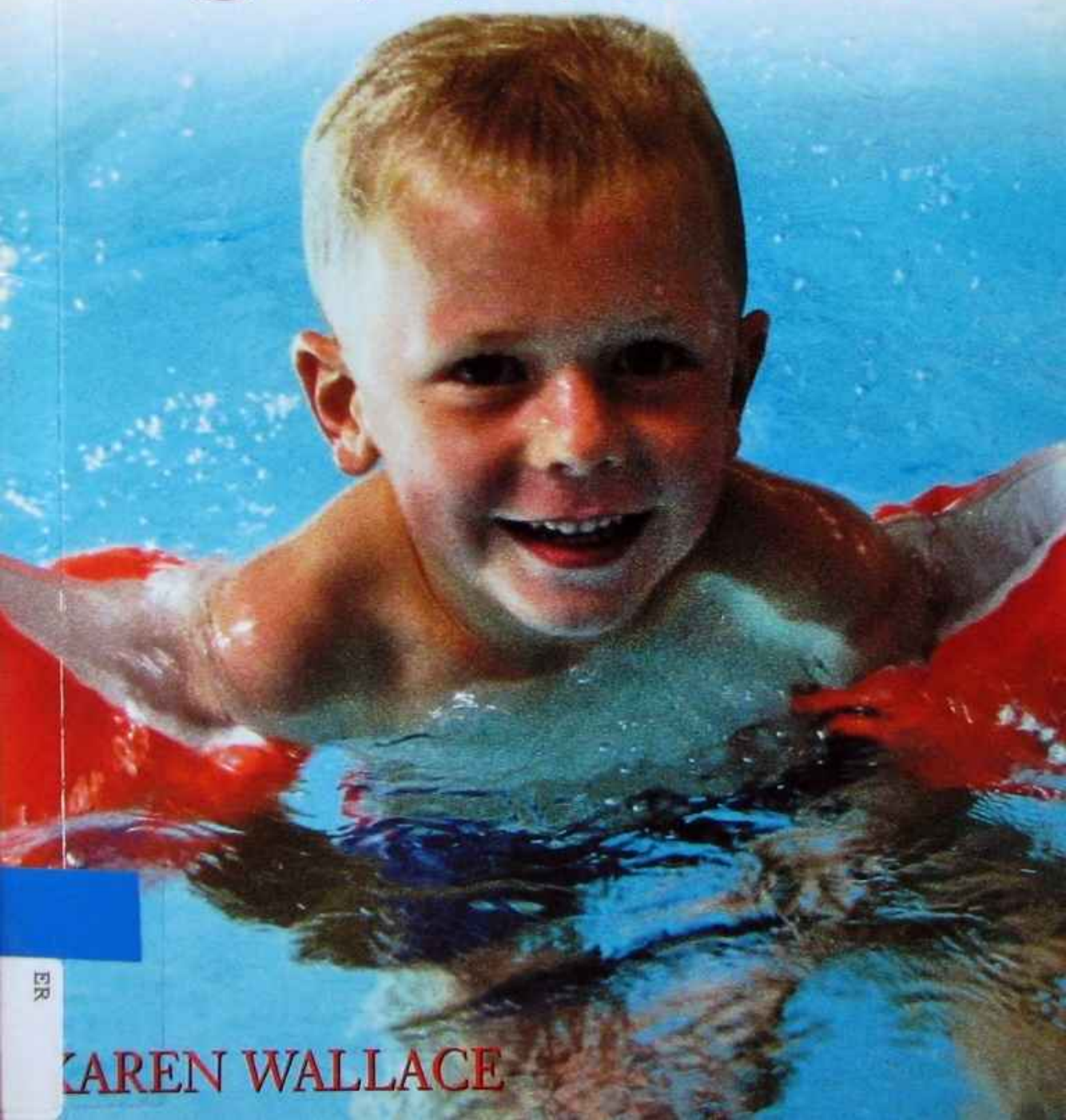


DK READERS

BEGINNING  
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TO READ

# I can swim!



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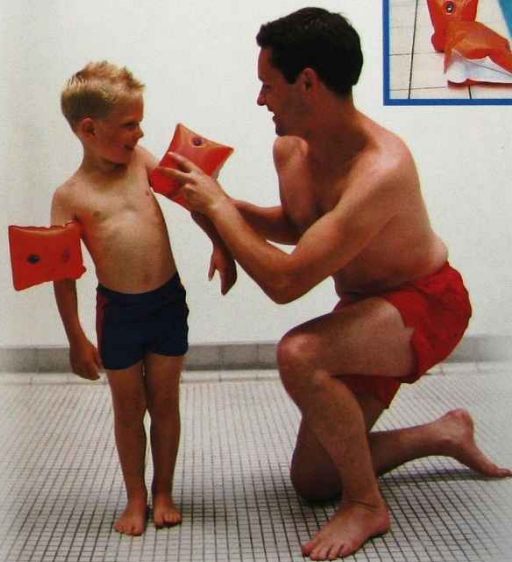
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George's friends laughed  
and splashed around.  
Swimming looked like fun!

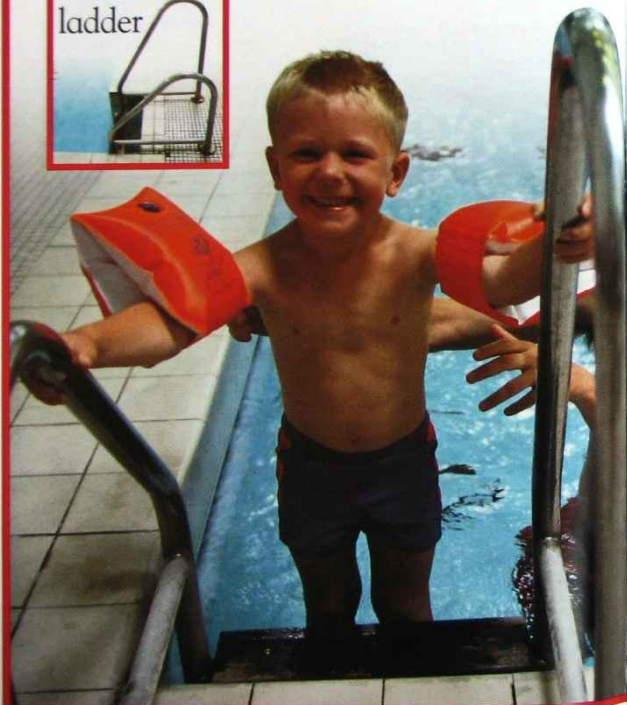
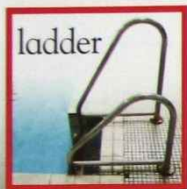
George stood by the pool.  
His dad was going to teach him  
how to swim.  
Dad helped George to put on  
his water wings.

water wings



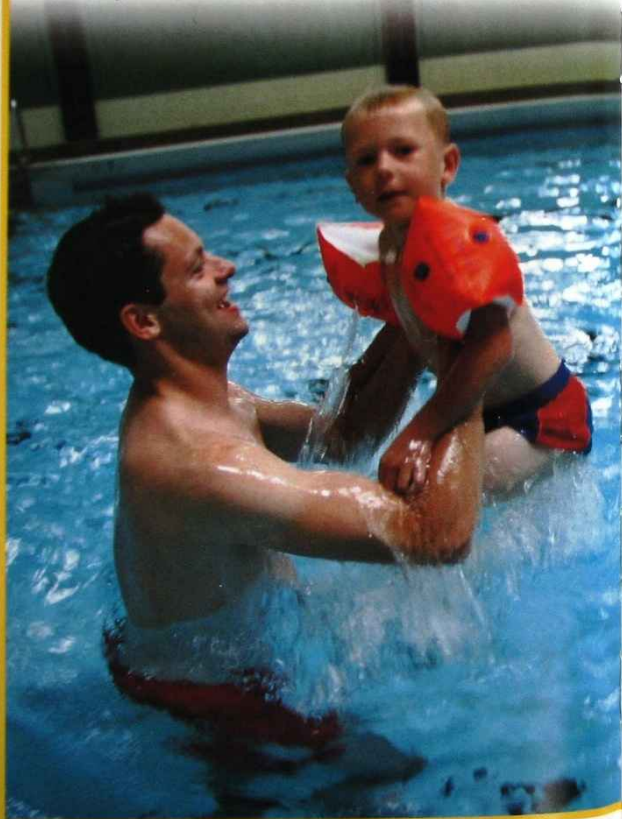


“Let’s get in,” said Dad.  
George held onto the ladder  
and stepped into the pool.



He splashed his face  
and put it into the water.  
“Good job!” cried Dad.  
“You’ll be a great  
swimmer one day!”

George stood in the shallow water  
and jumped up and down.



He walked back and forth.



Then Dad held him  
while he floated on his back.  
“That was fun,” cried George,  
as he climbed out of the pool.

At their next lesson,  
Dad helped George move  
through the water on his front.  
“Kick!” Dad said.  
George kicked with long,  
straight legs as hard  
as he could.

kick

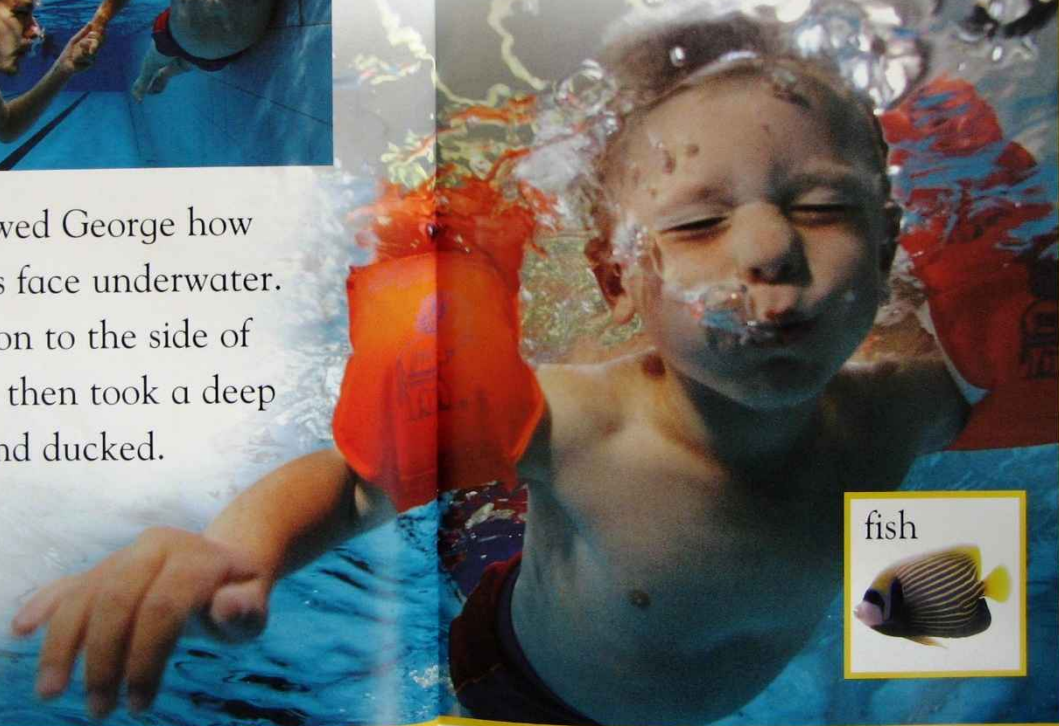






Dad showed George how to put his face underwater. He held on to the side of the pool, then took a deep breath and ducked.

George watched him blow bubbles like a fish. "Now you try," said Dad.



fish

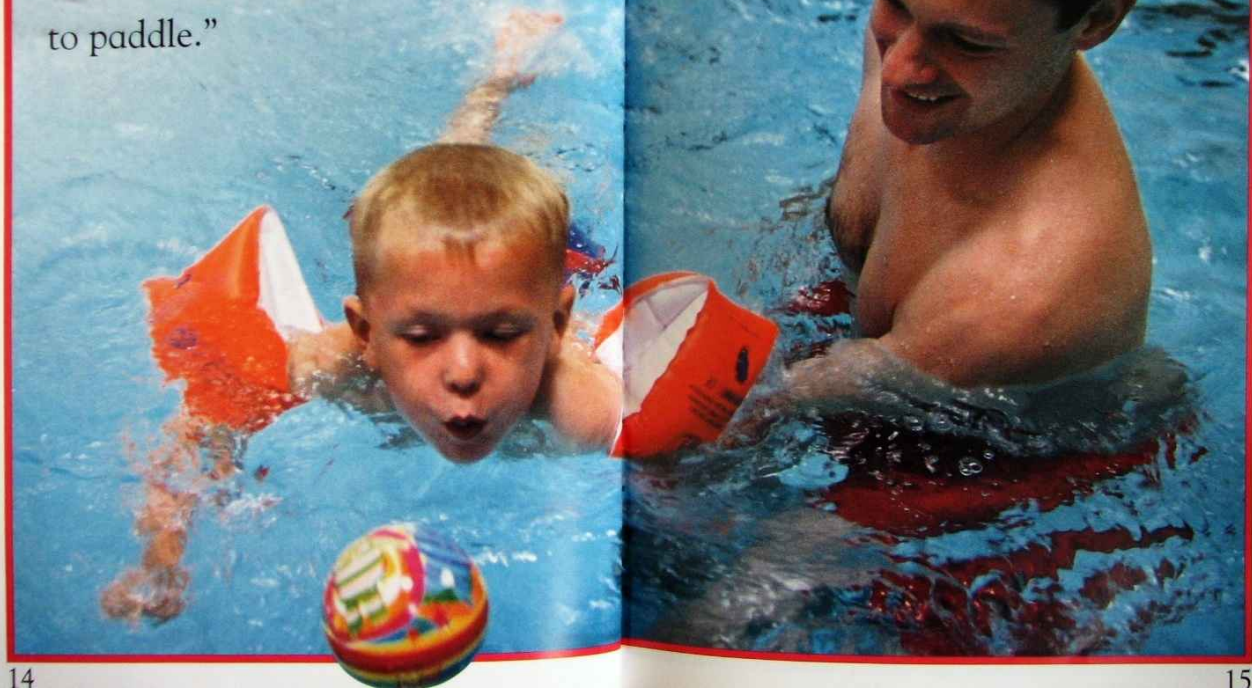


Next, George took lots of deep breaths and blew a ball across the water.

“Good breathing!” cried Dad.

“Next time, you can try to paddle.”

ball





“Can you remember what you’ve learnt?” Dad asked at the next lesson.

George thought about how to kick and to breathe.

paddle



Dad showed him how to paddle and pull back with his arms through the water. Then George tried paddling.





George learned to push  
and glide on his front.  
He held onto a kickboard and  
stood by the side of the pool.  
Then he pushed off with  
his feet and glided through  
the water.

kickboard



“Let’s take some air out of your water wings,” said Dad. George tried floating like a starfish.

starfish



First he took a deep breath. Then he lay on his back. He spread his arms and his legs out wide.



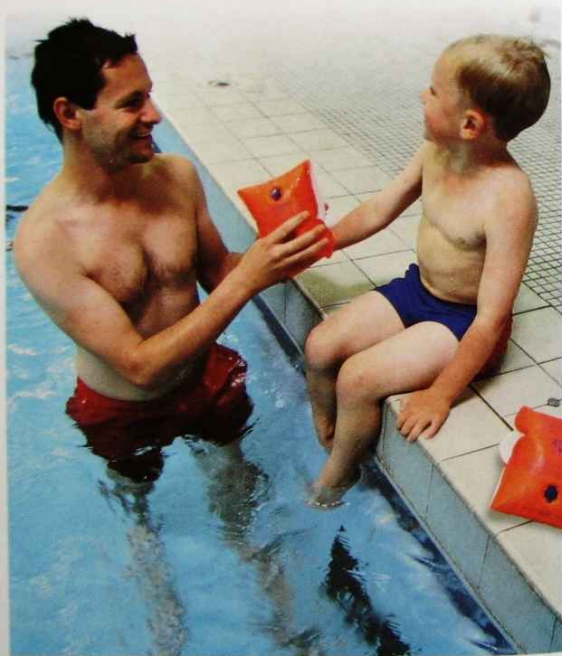


Then George pushed off  
from the side on his back.  
He glided across the water.  
“Push harder this time,” said Dad.  
“You’ll glide even farther.”



George pushed off  
as hard as he could.

Each time George went to the pool, he practiced his new skills. One day, Dad said, "It's time to take off your water wings."



George tried to paddle without any water wings. Soon he could use his arms to pull through the water.



“Now hold out your kickboard,”  
said Dad, “and kick your legs.”

George tried.

“Try not to splash,” said Dad.

“You’ll go even faster.”

George tried hard.

Soon he could swim across  
the pool without using  
the kickboard.

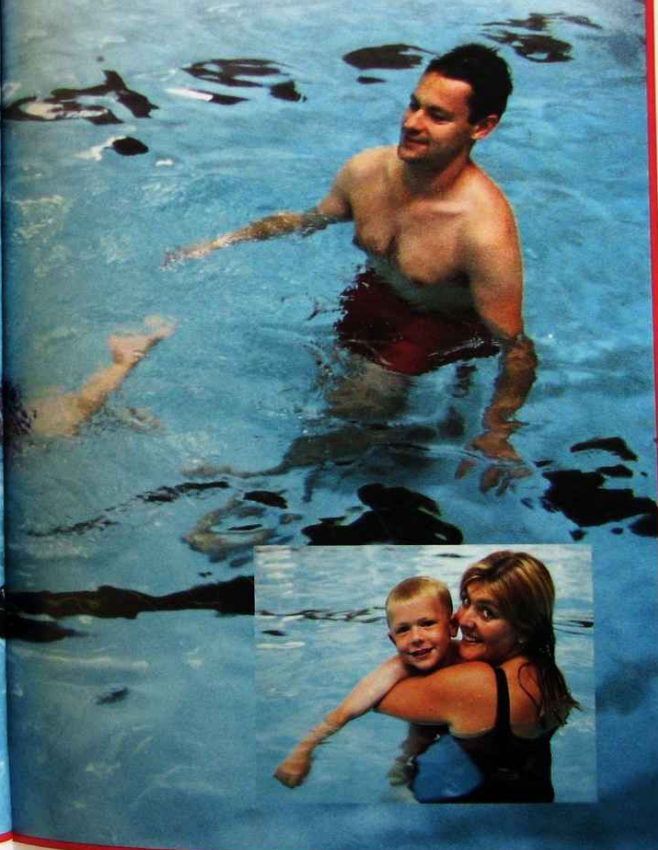


Mom came to the pool  
to watch George.

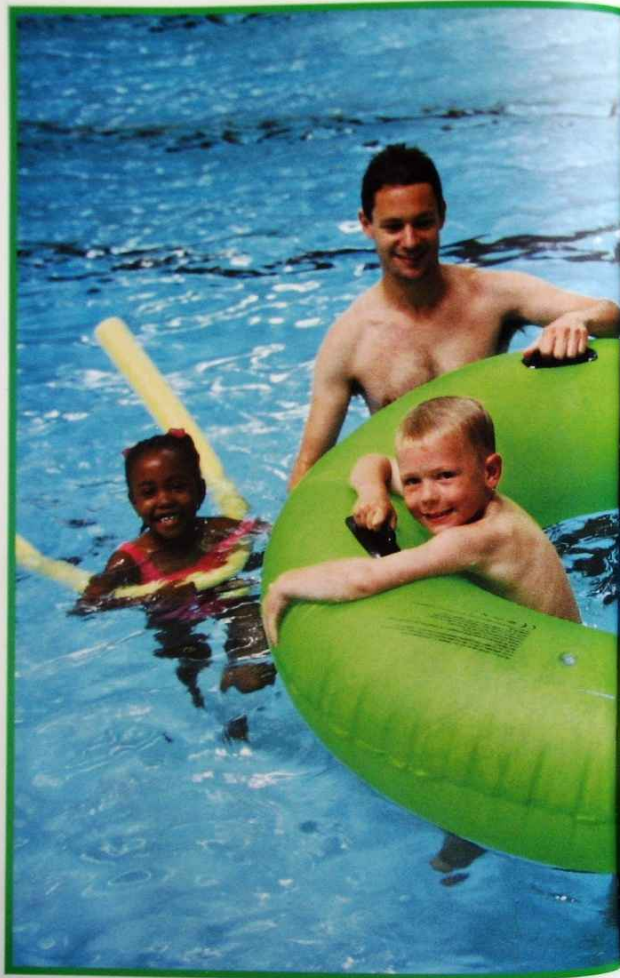
“I’ve got a surprise  
for you,” said George.  
He swam across  
the pool to her.



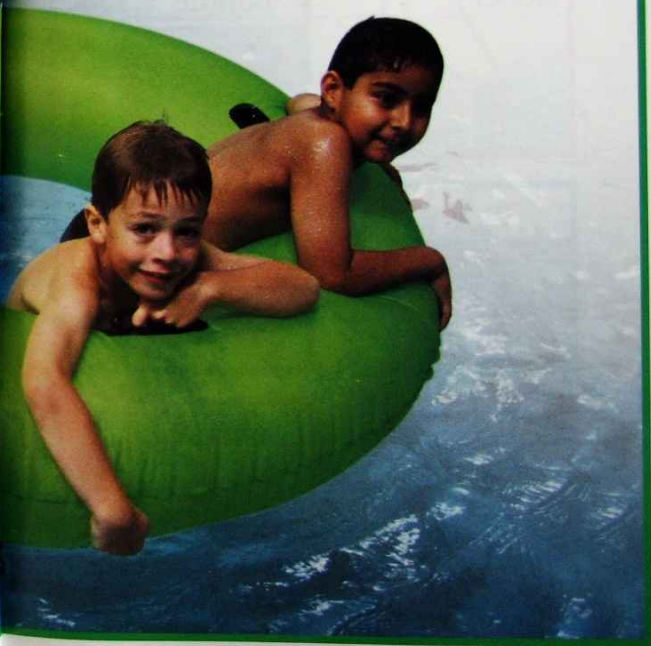
“I can swim!” shouted George.  
Mom cheered and clapped.







Some of George's friends  
were swimming in the pool.  
George swam over  
to play with them.  
Now he could swim, too!



# Picture word list

water wings



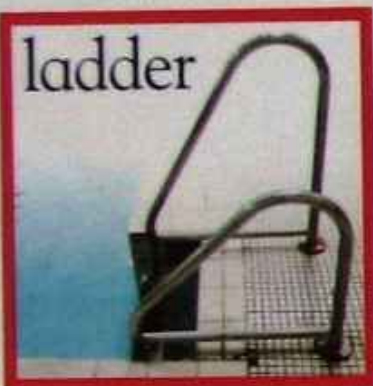
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ball



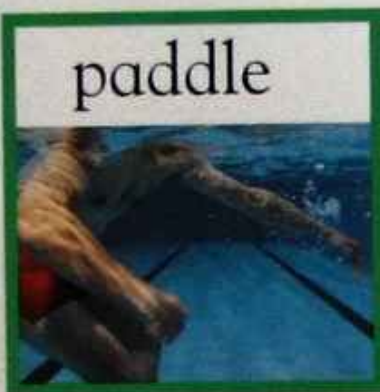
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ladder



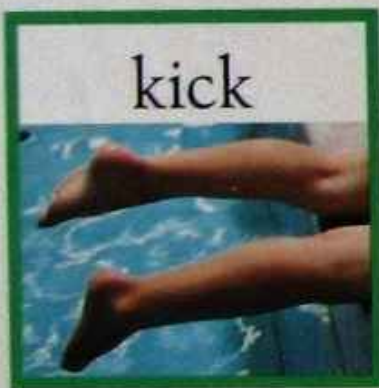
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paddle



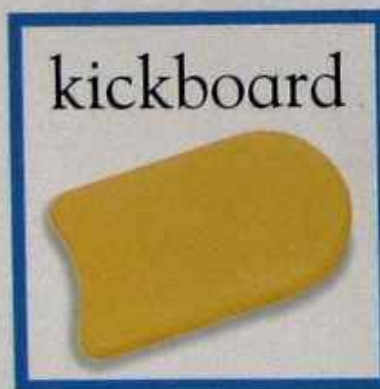
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kick



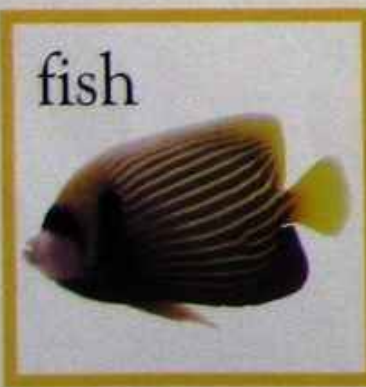
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kickboard



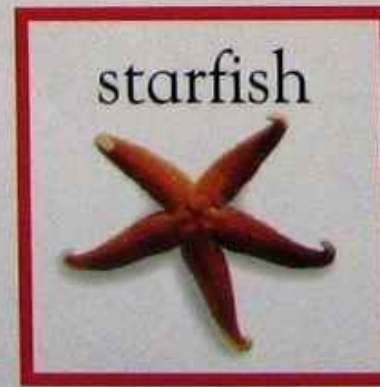
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