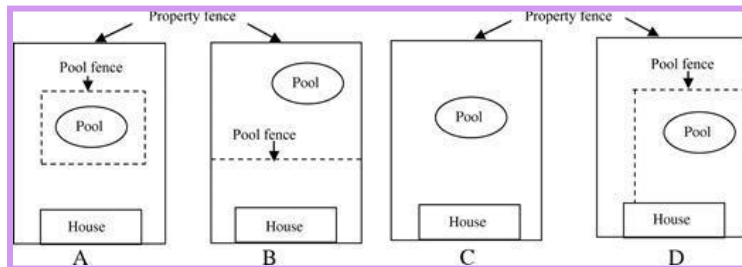


# Quiz for Parents / Fellow Providers

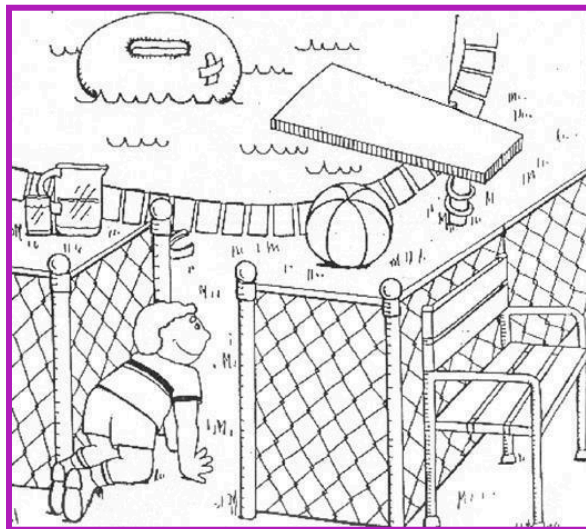
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## QUIZ

1. Which of the pictures in **Figure 1** looks the most like your backyard pool area?



2. In **Figure 2**, can you find 3 things that are dangerous?



3. How would you supervise a 3-year-old child around water?
- A. Always be close enough to see the child.
  - B. Always be close enough to *hear* the child.
  - C. Always be close enough to *touch* the child.
4. At what age can you leave a child alone in the bathtub?
- A. As young as 2 years old, if you have a special bath seat or ring.
  - B. 3 years old.
  - C. Approximately 6 years old.
5. How many children and teenagers died from drowning in the United States in the past 3 years?
- A. 500
  - B. 1000
  - C. More than 3000

## ANSWERS:

### Question 1

- A. *TERRIFIC!* A fence that surrounds the pool on all 4 sides is the safest. But remember, even with a good fence, children can drown if not supervised very carefully around water. The fence, gate, and latch have to be well maintained to make sure children cannot enter the pool area.
- B. *GOOD!* This arrangement is good, because it will keep kids from getting out of the house and into the pool. It is important that kids playing in the pool area be well supervised—that means you can't be reading, talking on the phone, or involved in distracting conversations.
- C. *DANGER!* This arrangement is not safe. Children playing in the back yard can easily get to the pool. A child could also sneak out the back door, back windows, or even through a pet door!
- D. *DANGER!* Although there is a fence around the pool area, a child could enter the pool area from a door or window at the back or side of the house!

### Question 2

- A. The gate is open. You should never prop the gate open! Make sure that the automatic self-closing and self-locking mechanisms are working at all times.
- B. The ball and pool toys will attract the child into the pool area.
- C. Children can climb up on furniture to get over the fence and into the pool area. It would be better to keep the pool furniture inside the fence.
- D. No glass or breakables should be in the pool area.
- E. The fence design (chain-link) would allow a child to climb over it.

### Question 3

C is the correct answer. You should always be close enough to *touch* your child when near the swimming pool. Pools can be as dangerous as a street, and you'd always hold your child's hand when crossing the street. It is hard, almost impossible, to watch your child all the time. It is easy to get distracted and look away. Remember that it only takes a few seconds for a child to fall into the pool. Drowning is a quick and quiet death, most kids don't thrash around and yell when they fall into the pool; they just sink to the bottom without splashing or crying out!

### Question 4

C is the correct answer. Every year in the United States, several children drown in the bathtub. Bathtub seats and rings can topple over and are not safe. Some infants have died when an older brother or sister was supposed to be watching them in the tub. Only an adult or teenager should supervise bath time. And, be careful with toilets and buckets—kids have drowned in these too! We suggest that all kids under the age of 6 be watched carefully while in the bathtub.

### Question 5

C is the correct answer. There have been more than 3000 children and teenagers who have died from drowning in the United States in the past 3 years. Several hundred survivors are victims of severe, permanent brain damage. These kids are from all cultural and economic backgrounds.