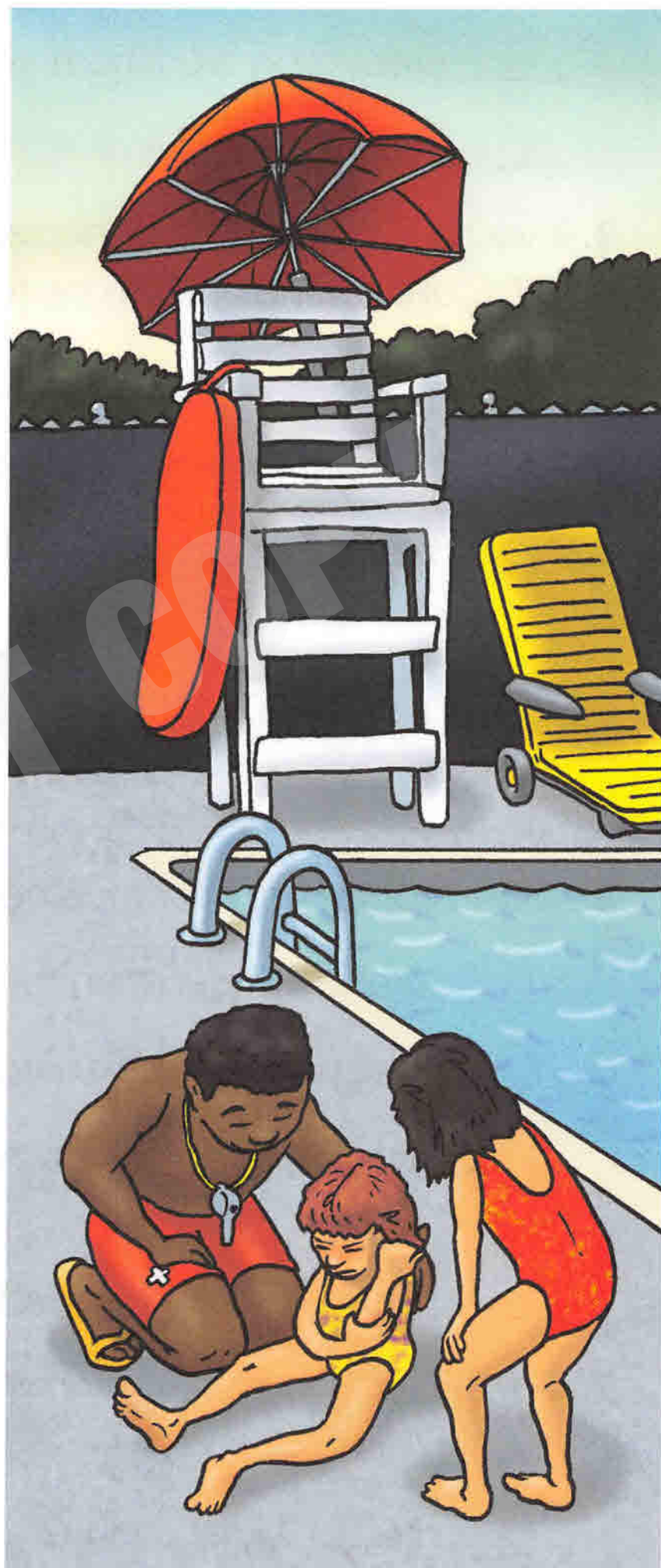


Pool Rules

What do the girls learn?

- ¹ At eleven o'clock this morning, the city pool opened for the season. At two minutes after eleven, Katie and Sara were in the girls' locker room. They wanted to be the first ones into the pool.
- ² "I'll race you!" yelled Sara as she dashed out of the locker room door. Katie was right behind her. They were halfway across the hot cement when they heard phweeeet! "Walk, please!"
- ³ Katie slowed and turned toward the lifeguard. She felt terrible. She knew they shouldn't have been running. At that moment, her foot went out from under her. Down she went, backward and sideways all at the same time. Ouch! She scraped her elbow on the cement.
- ⁴ Sara and the lifeguard were beside her in an instant. "Are you okay, Katie?"

- ⁵ Katie made a face. "I think so, but next time I think I'll walk."



Choose the best word to finish each sentence below. Write the word in the blank.

1. The girls want to be the _____ ones into the pool.

dash

first

next

2. Katie slowed down when the whistle _____.

blew

cool

walk

3. Katie hurt her elbow when she _____.

feet

backward

fell

4. What rule do you think Katie and Sara were breaking?

5. Why do you think most pools have this rule?

6. What else do you know about pool rules?

7. In paragraph 2, what do you think **phweeeet** means?

8. What did Katie learn? _____

9. Read the two sentences below. Write **C** for *cause* next to one and **E** for *effect* next to the other.

_____ Katie fell and scraped her elbow.

_____ Katie was running by the pool.