

Topic 2: Beach Safety Listening Scripts

Australian beaches

Australia is the largest island in the world and is surrounded by many beautiful beaches. However, not all beaches are safe to swim in. Many of the surf beaches are dangerous, especially for people who can't swim or aren't used to swimming in the ocean. Surf beaches often have rips. Rips are strong currents running out to sea from a surf beach. They cause problems especially for weak swimmers and have caused many drownings.

During summer beaches are patrolled by lifesavers. Each year surf lifesavers rescue about 12 000 people in Australia. It is important to read the signs at the beach to be aware of any dangers and to check conditions. Stay safe and always swim between the red and yellow flags.

Dialogue 1

Tran: This looks like a nice spot to swim.

Jai: Umm... I'm not sure there's no one around. In Australia it's always safer to swim at a patrolled beach.

Tran: Why?

Jai: At a patrolled beach there are lifeguards watching the water in case someone gets in trouble.

Tran: Oh, that's good. I'm not a strong swimmer. How do we know where the patrolled beach is?

Jai: Always look out for signs and the red and yellow flags.

Tran: The red and yellow flags?

Jai: Yeah... the safest spot to swim is between the red and yellow flags. The sign here tells us the patrolled beach is this way, to the left.

Tran: Okay, let's go!