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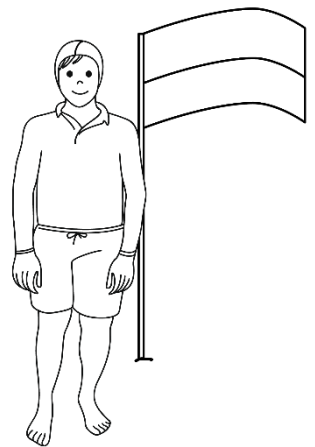
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Supporting detail #1: _____

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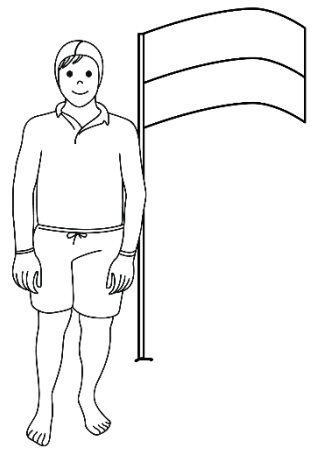
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Main idea: **It's important to be safe when swimming at the water.**

Supporting detail #1: **Always swim between the flags.**

Supporting detail #2: **Thousands of people need rescuing each summer.**

Supporting detail #3: **Don't swim out too far.**