

Ben Invented Swim Fins

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Ben Franklin wanted to swim faster. He saw that frogs could swim well. He wondered why. Then he realized that it was because frogs have webbed feet.

Ben had an idea. He invented something like frogs' feet.

They were fins made out of wood. Ben put the fins on his hands. Each fin had a hole for his thumb. Ben swam faster. But his wrists got tired.

Ben Franklin lived many years ago. Today, many people wear swim fins made of plastic or rubber. But now fins go on a person's feet!

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For questions 1-4, please circle the correct answer.

1. What did Ben Franklin want to do faster?



swim



run

2. Ben Franklin invented fins made out of wood to swim faster. What animal gave Ben Franklin the idea for this invention?

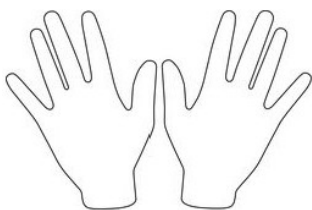


a frog



a fish

3. Where did Ben Franklin put his swimming invention?



on his hands



on his feet

4. What was the problem with Ben Franklin's invention?



They made him swim slower.

They made his wrists tired.

5. Where do people wear swim fins today?

People wear swim fins

6. Draw a person wearing swim fins.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a person wearing swim fins.

