

Instructor Name	
Date / Time of Class	

Remember the 3x (GST) rule:

General corrections after entire group attempts item Specific corrections for each swimmer Try it again and apply corrections

Lesson #1 of 2

Notes / Time	Activity / Topic	Formation	
3 min	Exaggerated Shoulder Roll Drill - 2020	wave	
	1. Have swimmers perform a back glide with kick with both arms at		
	the sides.		
	2. Emphasize rolling one shoulder out.		
	3. Have swimmers repeat the glide, emphasizing the other shoulder		
	and practising rolling from shoulder to shoulder.		
	Equipment: none		
	Skill Used: Back Glide with Flutter Kick 10m		
3 min	Back Breakers - 2020	wave	
	Over a distance of 10-15m, have swimmers practice the following		
	back glide with kick drills (make sure they can do one drill before		
	moving to the next one):		
	* arms flat on their stomach, hands forming a teepee on top of		
	stomach,		
	* forearms straight out of water, then		
	* arms stretched over their head on the water's surface.		
	Equipment: none		
	Skill Used: Back Glide with Flutter Kick 10m		



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4 min	Breathing Drill for Crawl - 2020 1. Swimmer swims front crawl while altering breathing cycle to increase lung capacity 2. Can increase difficulty incrementally by breathing every: 3,5,7,9, up to 11 strokes!	length circle
	Equipment: none Skill Used: Distance Swim 15m	
3 min	Scuba Kick - 2020 Have swimmers perform a proper dolphin kick with arms extended (with or without an aid) on their front with fins. Fins help strengthen the kick and assist in achieving proper dolphin motion in kick.	wave
	Equipment: fins	
	Skill Used: Front Swim 10m	
3 min	Front Sailboat Glide - 2020 Have swimmers kick on their side with one arm above their head and the other straight out of the water at a 90° angle. This promotes a strong flutter kick and a high arm recovery.	wave
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Front Glide with Flutter Kick 15m	
3 min	Standing Streamline Glide - 2020	wave
	 Stand with back against wall Place heels, hips and shoulder blades against the wall Bring chin down to allow head to bend forward Arms in front - one had on top of the other Straighten arms overhead so that elbows are straight and hands are against the wall Bring the head back to cradle against your arms Now step away from wall and try to keep this position Equipment: none 	
	Skill Used: Side Glide with Flutter Kick 10m	



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3 min	Chocolate Dipped Cookies (variation: fondue) - 2020	scatter
	 Tell swimmers to pretend the water is full of chocolate. Have swimmers pretend they are their favourite kind of cookie, ready to be covered with chocolate. Have swimmers glide on their back (or front) as long as they can (to get more chocolate on them), and then roll over to their front (or back). Remind the swimmers that the longer they glide, the more chocolate gets on the cookies. Assist swimmers when necessary. 	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Front Glide/Side Glide Combination 10m (Assisted)	
5 min	 Water Spaniels - 2020 Sink objects underwater a short distance from the edge. Have swimmers pretend to swim like a dog, face in the water, looking for buried bones, and swim back to the edge. Swimmers retrieve the bones and swim back to the edge. 	scatter
	Equipment: sinking objects, clothes Skill Used: Jump in Change Direction Return to Safety in Deep Water	
3 min	Personal Responsibility - 2020 1. Begin each lesson with this quick activity. 2. Describe a situation or tell a story (e.g., it is a surf day and your Frisbee goes in the water, your boat takes on water but you have your PFD/lifejacket). 3. Each swimmer describes what to do in that situation and gives a reason for that choice.	circle
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: When and Where to Swim	



Lesson #1 of 2 (continued)

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2 min	Blast off - 2020	circle
	1. Have swimmers stand in shallow water at the wall.	
	2. Tell swimmers to pretend to be rocket ships.	
	3. You pretend to be a planet or star that the rocket ships want to	
	explore.	
	4. Together you all count down, and ships blast off toward you, after	
	everyone yells, "Blast off!"	
	5. Have swimmers move toward you in a glide formation on back or	
	front, either individually or all together.	
	6. Have swimmers add a flutter kick to the glide for rocket "booster	
	power."	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Flutter Kick 15m	



Lesson #2 of 2

Notes / Time	Activity / Topic	Formation
5 min	Choose a Stroke	scatter
	1. Organize swimmers into two teams. The teams face each other in the water.	
	2. Instruct them to swim front crawl away from each other. On your signal, they turn and swim back toward each other.3. The first swimmer to reach the starting point chooses the next	
	stroke.	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Distance Swim 15m	
3 min	Rolling Shoulders - 2020	wave
	1. Demonstrate how to roll shoulders when doing back crawl. Move	
	slowly and alternately roll one shoulder at a time.	
	2. Have swimmers practise for a distance of approximately 10-15m.	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Back Glide with Flutter Kick 10m	
3 min	Back Sailboat/Shoulder Roll Combo - 2020	wave
	1. Have swimmers combine a back glide with a high shoulder roll	
	into a sailboat glide by working on transition from rolling the	
	shoulder to bringing the arm out of the water.	
	2. Have swimmers hold each position for three seconds, then switch	
	to the other arm.	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Back Glide with Flutter Kick 10m	



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Notes / Time	Activity / Topic	Formation
3 min	Vertical Kick - 2020 1. Have swimmers perform a flutter kick in an upright, vertical position. This improves strength of kick. 2. You can increase the difficulty by having swimmers hold their arms above their head.	circle
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Front Swim 10m	
3 min	Motor boat (variation boiling water) - 2020 1. Have swimmers hold onto a water water noodle or kickboard. 2. While you chant the rhyme, swimmers do the appropriate action: Motorboat, motorboat, kick so slow. (kick slow) Motorboat, motorboat, kick so fast. (kick fast) Motorboat, motorboat, step on the gas. (kick with splash) Motorboat, motorboat, run out of gas. (stop kick) 3. Make sure kicking motion is up and down and the swimmers' body position approaches horizontal. Equipment: water noodle	staggered wave
	Skill Used: Front Glide with Flutter Kick 15m	
10 min	 Side Rolls - 2020 Review side glides with kick (one arm up, one arm down). Review front glides with kick using the same arm position as the side glides with kick. Demonstrate rolling forward from a side glide with kick into a front glide with kick (one arm up, one arm down). Have swimmers practise until they are comfortable and are able to maintain a streamlined body position. Demonstrate rolling from a front glide with kick (one arm up, one arm down) to a side glide with kick. Focus on the shoulder rolling out first. Note how head rolls to the side. Have swimmers practise the front to side rolls, alternating sides, until they are comfortable and able to maintain a streamlined body position. 	wave
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Side Glide with Flutter Kick 10m	



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	Equipment: none Skill Used: Front Glide/Side Glide Combination 10m (Assisted)	
5 min	Front/Side Glide Combo - 2020 1. Swimmer can go with or without a buoyant aid to hold out in front in a front glide position 2. Swimmer flutter kicks while slowly exhaling with face in water 3. One arm pulls through the water into a side glide position 4. Swimmer takes a breath to the side, then recovers arm back to the front glide position (arm recovery can be under or over water, depending on level of swimmer) 5. Combination is then repeated on same arm for several repetitions, or can be used by alternating arms	wave
	Equipment: kick board Skill Used: Front Glide/Side Glide Combination 10m (Assisted)	



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Notes / Time	Activity / Topic	Formation
3 min	Five Little Fishes	
	 Talk the swimmers through each step of Stop! Look! Ask! and then ask them if they want assistance when jumping in. If a swimmer requests assistance, hold his or her hand. Sing "Five Little Fishes Jumping in the Water," but have swimmers ask each time before they jump. 	
	Equipment: none	
	Skill Used: Jump in Change Direction Return to Safety in Deep Water	
5 min	Water Spaniels - 2020	scatter
	 Sink objects underwater a short distance from the edge. Have swimmers pretend to swim like a dog, face in the water, looking for buried bones, and swim back to the edge. Swimmers retrieve the bones and swim back to the edge. 	
	Equipment: sinking objects, clothes	
	Skill Used: Sitting Dive Change Direction Return to Safety	
3 min	Hot Potato	scatter
	 Have swimmers tread water in a circle. Have swimmers pass a ball from one person to another. When you call, "Stop," the swimmer with the ball must perform a skill (e.g., bob five times, do a front float). 	
	Equipment: ball	
	Skill Used: Surface Support Deep Water 20 sec	
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	Skill Used: Flutter Kick 15m	
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