

HOME POOLING

LESSON TWELVE MUSIC





WELCOME TO THE TWELFTH LESSON OF OUR HOME POOLING CLASSES

Welcome to the 12th of our Home Pooling challenges! Each week, we will be releasing challenges across a variety of subjects for parents and carers to work through with their children at home – with a British Swimming twist to each one.

Once your child/children have completed the relevant tasks, submit their work over social media by tagging @BritishSwimming using the hashtag #HomePooling – and one lucky child from each task will receive a personalised video message from one of our swimming, para-swimming or diving stars.

Good luck and have fun!

INTRODUCTION

A national anthem is a hymn or song that expresses a patriotic sentiment, often authorised by that particular nation's government as their official national anthem. The oldest national anthem is the British National Anthem which in its present form dates back to the 18th century.

'God Save The King', as it was then known as the reigning monarch - King George II - was a male, was a patriotic song first publicly performed in London in 1745, after a play at the Theatre Royal. The performance was a tremendous success and was repeated nightly. The practice soon spread to other theatres, and the custom of greeting monarchs with the song as he or she entered a place of public entertainment was established.

The words used today are the same as those sung in 1745, substituting 'Queen' for 'King' when the ruling monarch is female, like the current monarch - Queen Elizabeth II.

TASK ONE - CAN YOU FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS TO THE BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM?

When a British athlete wins the gold medal at a Olympic or Paralympic games, or world or European championships, the British national anthem - God Save The Queen - is played after they receive their medal. But can you fill in the missing words to the famous lyrics below?

GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN!

LONG LIVE OUR _____ QUEEN!

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

SEND HER VICTORIOUS,

_____ AND GLORIOUS,

LONG TO REIGN OVER US,

GOD SAVE THE _____.

THY CHOICEST GIFTS IN STORE

ON HER BE PLEASED TO POUR,

LONG MAY SHE _____.

MAY SHE DEFEND OUR LAWS,

AND EVER GIVE US CAUSE,

TO _____ WITH HEART AND VOICE,

_____ SAVE THE QUEEN.

TASK TWO - CAN YOU MATCH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM TO THE COUNTRY IT BELONGS TO?

Some national anthems are more famous than others, often due to how much they are heard due to the sporting prowess of a nation. For instance, the national anthem of USA has been played over 800 times at the Olympic games.

Can you match the national anthems below to the country they belong to (a question mark (?) has been added if the country is included in the title)?

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN	POLAND
ORIENTALES, LA PATRIA O LA TUMBA	NEW ZEALAND
IL CANTO DEGLI ?	GREAT BRITAIN
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER	URUGUAY
MAZUREK DĄBROWSKIEGO	FRANCE
HINO NACIONAL ?	PAKISTAN
JANA GANA MANA	BRAZIL
GOD DEFEND ?	USA
QAUMI TARANAH	INDIA
LA MARSEILLAISE	ITALY

TASK THREE - WRITE YOUR OWN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Have a go at writing your own national anthem. It could be for Britain or any other country, it could even be for an imaginary country. Your anthem should have at least two verses and a chorus, and you can send us the lyrics or even a video of you performing your anthem on social media by tagging @BritishSwimming using the hashtag #HomePooling.