

English: Choose the Best Word: Easy Practice Paper 1

The Big Swim

In this passage you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. The ten numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage, so read them in order. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Q1. The doors of the sports centre swung open at last.
_____ hour later, Mia was standing at the edge of the pool
in a brand new swimming cap, waiting for her race to be
called.

- A. An
- B. A
- C. The
- D. Any
- E. Each

Q2. Mia and her team-mates had been counting down to this day
for months. _____ friends were leaning over the balcony
rail above them, waving a banner they had spent the whole week
painting.

- A. There
- B. They're
- C. Their
- D. Them
- E. Theirs

Q3. By the time she climbed onto the starting block, the other swimmers _____ already taken their places.

- A. have
- B. has
- C. were
- D. had
- E. was

Q4. Each of the eight swimmers _____ waiting for the whistle, with a number written in marker pen on the back of one hand.

- A. were
- B. was
- C. are
- D. is
- E. being

Q5. The water felt _____ than she had expected, and for a moment her whole body tensed.

- A. cold
- B. colder
- C. coldest
- D. more cold
- E. most cold

Q6. _____ her arms were already aching after the very first length, Mia refused to slow down.

- A. Although
- B. Because
- C. Unless
- D. Since
- E. Whether

Q7. She had spent the whole summer getting ready _____ this one race, and she was not going to waste it now.

- A. to
- B. at
- C. of
- D. on
- E. for

Q8. Her coach, _____ had watched every single practice that summer, was crouching at the far end of the pool with a stopwatch.

- A. which
- B. whom
- C. who
- D. whose
- E. what

Q9. Mia's mum waved _____ from the balcony as the swimmers turned for the final length.

- A. excited
- B. exciting
- C. excitedly
- D. excitement
- E. excites

Q10. Mia's hand slapped the wall first. 'You won it, _____?' shouted her brother, almost falling over the rail.

- A. did you
- B. didn't you
- C. haven't you
- D. weren't you
- E. wasn't it