

The Tenth Birthday Party

For his tenth birthday, Carlos wanted to have a party at the neighborhood pool. Together, he and his mother made _____ for the party so that Carlos _____ send one to each of his _____.

On the morning of his birthday, _____ ran outside to check the weather _____ was relieved to see a bright _____ sky. His mother said, "Well, it _____ like a perfect day for a _____ party. Now let's have breakfast, and _____ we'll get everything ready to take _____ the pool."

As Carlos and his _____ drove to the pool, Carlos noticed _____ dark clouds forming in the sky. "_____, I hope it isn't going to _____," he said, remembering that lifeguards always _____ the pool when there was lightning _____ the area.

Huge drops of rain _____ against the car's windshield as Carlos _____ his mom pulled into the parking _____. As he stepped out of the _____, Carlos heard a clap of thunder _____ then the lifeguard's whistle.

"Everybody out _____ the pool!" the lifeguard yelled.

Carlos's _____ gave him a hug and said, "_____ am so sorry that the weather _____ cooperated with us. I know how _____ you were looking forward to swimming."

_____ Carlos saw his friends gathered under _____ awning of the pool building. When _____ spotted Carlos, the friends clapped loudly _____ began to sing happy birthday. Carlos _____ to greet his friends and was _____ to find a table covered with _____ things to eat and some brightly _____ presents.

"Why don't you open this _____ right away," said Carlos's friend Molly.

_____ opened the brightly wrapped present and _____ the board game he had been _____.

“This is great,” Carlos exclaimed, “because _____ though we can’t swim, we can _____ fun playing this game.”

The friends _____ noticed the rain as they enjoyed _____ new game. Later, they ate a _____ lunch of sandwiches, followed by Carlos’s _____ carrot cake.

Carlos watched the raindrops _____ against the pool’s surface and the _____ move across the sky. This had not been the party he planned, but it turned out to be a terrific party after all.