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 lighting ____________ 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.