

Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given and write its letter (A – K) in the space provided. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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| (A) stay | (D) dive | (G) lacked | (J) panic |
| (B) introduced | (E) trouble | (H) lesson | (K) duty |
| (C) vital | (F) forward | | |

My mother had registered my brother and me for a swimming course before our school holidays started. She felt that it was **1** _____ for us to learn how to swim and know about water safety precautions. When the day of our first **2** _____ arrived, we walked to the swimming complex which was just behind our block of flats. We were excited and nervous at the same time.

We were **3** _____ to Mr Jones, who was our instructor. He also worked as a life guard at the swimming complex. Whenever he was on **4** _____, he would have to sit on a high chair near the swimming pool so that he could watch everyone in the pool. If he should

see someone in **5** _____ in the pool, he would quickly climb down from his seat and **6** _____ into the water to help the person.

For our first lesson, Mr Jones taught us how to **7** _____ afloat. My brother was able to do it in no time. For me, at first, I could not do it at all. I would feel my body sinking and I would **8** _____. I would quickly try to stand up. Mr Jones said I **9** _____ confidence. He asked me to keep trying while he stood near me to give me instructions. Soon, I was able to float by myself. I was very pleased.

My brother and I enjoyed our first swimming lesson. We were thankful that we had a very patient and hard-working instructor. We looked **10** _____ to the next lesson. We hoped we would be able to swim as well as Mr Jones at the end of the lessons.

Answers
1. (C)
2. (H)

3. (B)
4. (K)

5. (E)
6. (D)

7. (A)
8. (J)

9. (G)
10. (F)