

Olympic Hopes

Read the text and choose the best word for the blank.

Yesterday Eleanor Preston (1) _____ an international swimming competition for girls (2) _____ under sixteen. She swam faster (3) _____ girls from ten other countries. This (4) _____ even better when you learn that she is really thirteen. She had to have special (5) _____ to enter, because normally competitors are fourteen or older.

Eleanor has been (6) _____ on swimming for a long time -- (7) _____ she was three in fact. I wondered whether she found it hard to (8) _____ several hours a day training. She (9) _____ me that sometimes she has problems finding time for homework, but that's all. "My parents have given up so (10) _____ time driving me to local competitions. I think it's been harder for them, actually." Her aim is to swim at the Olympics.

After yesterday's performance, I think she may (11) _____ there.

