

Name

Keisha was very _____ and _____ for her age, but she had the determination of 50 elephants. She loved _____ and wanted, more than anything, to be on the swim team at her pool. Tryouts for the team were _____ two weeks before the pool officially _____ or the summer. It was only December but Keisha begged and begged _____ finally her father agreed to take her to the indoor pool across town. There she could practice for the tryouts in May. Now _____ deter-mination!

_____ the winter months Keisha practiced at the indoor pool every day. She met other swimmers there _____ been on the team last year. Some took one look at her small stature and began to _____. Keisha was not discouraged. She continued her steady regime under the watchful eyes of last year's swim team members. _____ began to spread of Keisha's tenacity and building speed.

May arrived, time for tryouts. All of the swimmers trying out seemed incredibly fast to Keisha but she _____ _____ to the tryouts. She was as fast as the other swimmers, but what caught the coach's eye was her beaming courage and tenacity. She not only made the team that year, she _____ first in all of her events at the division championship meet.