“Through the Tunnel” Sentence Study

1. It was a wild looking place, and there was no one there.
2. They were off that coast; all of them were burned smooth dark brown and speaking a language he did not understand.
3. He swam a little closer; they turned and watched him with narrowed, alert dark eyes.
4. They understood that he was a foreigner strayed from his own beach, and they proceeded to forget him.
5. He dived, and they watched him.
6. Jerry let out a yell of warning; they looked at him idly and turned their eyes back toward the water.
7. There was no one visible; the dim shapes of the swimmers had disappeared.
8. They were flying down past him into the water; the air was full of falling bodies.
9. There was no one to see him, and he cried himself out.
10. It seemed to him that a long time has passed, and he swam out to where he could see his mother.
11. The impact of the water broke the runner-enclosed vacuum, and the goggles came loose.
12. Something soft and clammy touched his mouth; he saw a dark frond moving against the grayish rock.
13. It was a torment to him to waste a day of his careful training, but he stayed with her on that other beach.
14. He could get through the long tunnel, but he was not going to try yet.
15. The barrier rock seemed very wide and very heavy; tons of rock pressed down on where he would go.
16. He thought he must be swimming fast, and he was frightened of banging his head if the tunnel narrowed.
17. He was counting wildly; he said a hundred and fifteen.
18. He was gasping like a fish. He felt he would sink now and drown; he could not swim the few feet back to the rock.
19. He was strained; his eyes were glazed-looking.
20. She was ready for a battle of wills, but he gave in at once.