Read the story and find the information about the man in the picture. What is his name? How is his life connected with tourism?

Every year travel agents offer all kinds of holidays to all types of people, as nearly everybody can afford some kind of travelling. Of course, in spite of the many advantages which travel agencies can offer, there are still quite a few tourists who go 1_____ their own and choose their own destination and make their tickets and accommodation reservation. But organized tourism became more and more popular.

Travel agents think that there are different types of holidaymakers. For each type, they try to offer the 'right' kind of holidays, at the 'right' country and at the 'right' price. All this has to be planned very carefully. So, while most people are still busy 2 _____buying Christmas presents, the travel agents have already decided where the holidaymakers will go next summer, what kind of things they will do there and how much money they will spend 3 _____their holidays. Sometimes the agents are right, and holidaymakers will do exactly what the travel agents have planned for them. But sometimes they are wrong. All this makes their business risky, because if they make mistakes, they can lose a lot 4 _____money.

Travel agencies have a long history. The Romans probably started tourism 5 _____their holiday villas in the Bay of Naples*. In the 19th century, the education of the rich people was not complete 6 _____ a Tour of Europe's cultural sights. Things changed for *ordinary* people when Thomas Cook organised the first package tours.

Thomas Cook was one of the first travel agents. He started to organise

excursions between Leicester and Loughborough 7 _____train in 1841. In 1855 he organised special trips between Leicester and Paris where a Universal Exhibition* was held. Later, he also organised tours from England to the European countries and around 1860 he opened the first travel agency in England. Thomas Cook's agency sold train and boat tickets and took care 8 _____ hotel reservations. As Thomas Cook said, his aim was to provide cheap, easy, safe and most enjoyable tourism for all people. And now over thirteen million people around the world travel 9 _____ more than thirty Thomas Cook tour agencies and 3,600 travel agents.

Read the story carefully and fill in the gaps where necessary with the most suitable prepositions from the box. Use some of the prepositions more than once, **(predicting)**

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Who or what do the underlined pronouns refer to?

Decide if the following statements about travel agencies are true (T) or false (F) according to the story.

Organised tourism becomes more popular.	True	false
The profession of a travel agent can be very unstable.	True	false
Organised tourism began long before the 19th century.	True	false
Thomas Cook was the first who introduced package tours.	True	false
The first travel agency in England was organised specially for a Universal Exhibition.	True	false
A lot of tourists choose the Thomas Cook agencies nowadays.	True	false