

Read the text about memories of a special birthday present. Some parts are missing. Choose the correct part (A–R) for each gap (1–15). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



My moped

One of my fondest memories is getting my first moped when I was fifteen and still living in Austria.

I've been in England (0) ___ five years now. I graduated from Bristol University last June and, (1) ___ to stay here for a while, I have just bought myself a secondhand VW. I'm thrilled to have my own car at last, but it's nothing like as exciting as the feeling of freedom and independence I experienced back then (2) ___ my moped.

Our family home was just outside Vienna, at the top of a steep hill. It sounds idyllic, I know, and it was: on one side we had beautiful views of the city and on the other woods and fields. However, (3) ___ there had its disadvantages. Firstly, I had to get up very early because (4) ___ well over an hour to get to school (5) ___ bus and tram. Secondly, getting home after school meant climbing that steep hill because the bus stopped (6) ___.

When I asked for a moped for my fifteenth birthday, (7) ___ very hopeful. I remember being surprised at how (8) ___ my parents agreed. Although they were usually quite strict, they said yes almost immediately. (9) ___ they felt sorry for me in a way.

When my birthday came round, I had already (10) ___ my driving test. As soon as all the paperwork had been completed, my father and I went to pick up the brand new moped, a shiny black Puch, which (11) ___ home very slowly and really carefully, following my father's car.

Although my parents wouldn't allow me to go (12) ___ to school at first, because they thought it was too dangerous for me (13) ___ the city traffic, that moped made my life so much (14) ___. I had an extra forty minutes in bed every morning. Then I drove to where (15) ___ a tram that took me straight to school in no time at all. Best of all, I didn't have to climb up that hill every evening.

A all the way

G for

M it took me

B as I plan

H for getting

N living

C at the bottom

I I could catch

O passed

D becoming

J I drove

P quickly

E by

K I suppose

Q to drive in

F easier

L I wasn't

R when I got

