B Read the text below. Choose from choices (A-H) the one which best fits each space (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.



Flying South

Grace Baie was born in Marseille, on an autumn night when the sky was full of birds flying to Africa. Her aunt always said that was why she could never stay still for long. Her neighbours came from many different countries and by the age of seventeen, Grace spoke fluent French, Greek and Spanish and could sing popular songs from Naples in Italian. She was clever and confident and with all these languages and a pretty face, (1) _____.

In her thirties, she moved again, this time to teach French to sailors in Naples, although the real reason was to hear Italian songs up close. She returned to Marseille in her forties (2) _____ and opened a herb shop. It was there (3) _____, when he came into her shop looking for coffee. Grace didn't sell coffee, so he used to buy a small bag of mint tea every Friday afternoon. A year later, when they were married, he told her (4) _____ and he showed her the unopened bags in his cupboard.

In her last years, after Adrien died, Grace rarely left her flat and (5) _____. I met her when she was very old. I had a part-time cleaning job when I was a student and I went to her house for a few hours a week to help out. She always made me black tea with brown sugar and (6) _____. Some of them were about her childhood, but most of them had to do with her travels and her husband.



Exam Tip

- Read the instructions and the title of the text carefully. This will help you to predict the text's content.
- Read the text quickly, without paying attention to gaps, so as to understand its meaning.
- Read the phrases A-H.
- Read the sentences in the text from which the phrases have been removed, and decide what the missing phrases could be about.
- Reread the phrases A-H and decide which of them fits into each gap. Pay attention to the vocabulary as well as the pronouns used to refer to other words (e.g. *it, they, this, there*), both in the text and in the phrases A-H.
- Note that two of the phrases A-H do not fit into any gap.
- After filling all the gaps, read the full text and decide whether it makes sense. Read the phrases that you haven't used and make sure that they do not fit anywhere.

A. told me stories about her life

B. to get married

C. to be close to her family

D. that he didn't really drink mint tea

E. that she met her husband Adrien

F. was always dressed in black

G always made me laugh

H. she easily got a job as a tourist guide in Paris

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