

Talking about First Impressions

RUE part 1

1 Read the text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

Tattoos

Tattooing has been around for thousands of years. The (0) B of making a permanent design or mark on the body was originally thought to (1) magical protection against disease and misfortune. Later, it was used to show a person's (2) status. The Romans, for example, (3) to tattoo slaves and criminals.

With the (4) of Christianity in Europe, tattooing was forbidden. It virtually (5) out for hundreds of years, until European explorers came into (6) with American Indians and Polynesians in the 17th and 18th centuries. Sailors would return from long (7) , decorated with large and elaborate designs. Many of these sailors later joined circuses, and (8) a living by showing their tattoos to the public.

Nowadays, tattooing is (9) as unusual, nor as popular as it once was. Tattoo parlours do (10) , but most people are unwilling to go (11) the rather painful procedure. On the other hand, (12) tattoos are becoming increasingly common. The design, which (13) for three to six weeks, is painted painlessly onto the skin.

Other people still (14) the original, permanent techniques, of course. The world record for the most-tattooed person is (15) by Tom Leppard from Scotland. His leopard-skin design covers 99.2% of his body surface!

0	A effect	B act	C do	D fact
1	A prove	B do	C make	D provide
2	A senior	B society	C communal	D social
3	A used	B were	C could	D would
4	A coming	B arrival	C departure	D leaving
5	A died	B wore	C left	D went
6	A touch	B communication	C meeting	D contact
7	A travels	B sails	C voyages	D explorers
8	A paid	B worked	C did	D earned
9	A nowhere	B nor	C neither	D no
10	A be	B live	C exist	D stay
11	A through	B along	C under	D with
12	A short	B temporary	C part-time	D momentary
13	A lasts	B takes	C endures	D is
14	A rather	B wish	C elect	D prefer
15	A kept	B made	C held	D reached