

## 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!

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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   |