



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 2

- 2 For questions 1–8, read the first two paragraphs of the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

HOW WE MET ...

No one says that (0) being part of a family is easy, but families do generally provide us with the love, comfort and security we need.

(1) _____ is partly because of a shared history, which is often recorded in photos. What many families enjoy doing (2) _____ looking back at the people and events in their lives through these photos. And it's always fun to see which of our ancestors we take (3) _____.

Family members also like to share things they remember, (4) _____ as fond memories of their relatives, or amusing stories of (5) _____ grown-ups did when they were small. Perhaps most of (6) _____, we enjoy hearing about how our parents and grandparents first got to know each other. The more unusual or romantic the story, the more we enjoy hearing (7) _____. The same stories are often told over and over again without losing their impact, and bring families closer together (8) _____ time they hear them.

Here are some family stories of how people met.

- 3 Read the rest of the text. Match the headings in the box to the sections (A–C). There are two extra headings.

Family nightmares

Long-distance love

Opposites attract

Staying local

Wrong number

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B Pancho Yamamoto

C Lucinda Shah