

Exam task

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 HAD

A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT

Before she became famous in the 1880s, Emily (0) been engaged to wealthy businessman William Davies. In (1) days, parents often chose their future son-in-law, and when they introduced William to her it was certainly not love at (2) sight.

Although tall and handsome, he was twelve years older than her and, she suspected, rather arrogant. In fact she was not really attracted (3) him at all, but when he proposed to her she accepted rather than upset her parents.

She soon realised what a huge mistake she (4) made. His bossy, impatient manner quickly started (5) on her nerves, and even when they were out walking together she never felt (6) ease with him. She tried her best to make the relationship work, but he made no effort at all and she felt he was (7) her for granted.

Eventually she decided to break (8) her engagement. Some years later, Emily would write that it was the best decision she had ever made.

