

EXERCISE 3

Read the information. Then skim read the paragraph and choose the correct heading.

Remember! To skim read a text, focus only on the main information. To do this, focus on the **nouns, verbs** and **adjectives** (in **bold** in the paragraph below).

Ancestry in the UK

Paragraph A

Up until relatively recently, **English school children** were often **obliged to learn** the **names** of the **kings and queens** that **ruled** the **country** from the **8th century** to the **18th**, and **understand how** they were **related**. This was **no easy task**. Sometimes a **king** would **pass** his **kingdom** to his **son**, but very often it would be a **much more distant relative** that **took over**. To **become king**, **you** would have to **show you had royal blood** in the **family tree**, and to do **this**, **you** would **need to know** exactly who all your **ancestors** were. It was **also necessary** for **landowners** to **know their family background** – so they could **prove** that a **large castle or manor house** really **belonged** to them, and **not** to **another person** further along a **branch** of the **family tree** who **wanted** it for **themselves**.

The correct heading for **Paragraph A** is:

- How knowing your family tree could bring power and property
- The kind of buildings that wealthy relatives used to live in
- Which academic subjects most students would prefer not to study