

EXERCISE 4

Read the information. Then skim read the next paragraphs and answer the question .

In an IELTS Reading matching headings task, there will always be **at least** one more heading than the number of paragraphs. So, for example, if there are five paragraphs, you might have to choose from seven or eight headings.

Skim reading the text to get the gist of each paragraph can help you get a general idea of which headings might match one of the paragraphs.

Ancestry in the UK

Paragraph B

An interest in knowing who your ancestors were and what they did is, of course, something which is common in all cultures. Not all cultures, however, have a phrase which translates as *family tree* for when they want to describe earlier generations of the same family. We use this particular phrase because it was traditional in the past in some countries to put the oldest generations at the top of a drawing and the youngest generation at the bottom – sometimes just the child of a recently married couple. This meant the image would be wider at the top and narrower at the bottom – just like a tree.

Paragraph C

While some people are still interested in family trees as a way of making sure they can receive money or valuable items from a great-uncle or great-great grandparent, others have different motivations. Some people choose to research their family tree because they are simply curious about their origins. Or perhaps they have heard an unusual story about an ancestor and wish to discover the truth. They may even have a more serious and useful purpose, for example wanting to find out about a medical condition which runs in the family.

Choose the correct headings for the paragraphs. Look at the text again on page 1 if you need to.

1. The correct heading for **Paragraph B** is:

- Practical and personal reasons for finding out about ancestors
- The appeal of making unexpected discoveries
- The problems people face in carrying out family-tree research
- Why we use 'family tree' to refer to our family background
- Traditional ways of researching family trees

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