

TASK 3

The shortest war in history

Fought between the United Kingdom and Zanzibar on 27 August 1896, the conflict lasted approximately 40 minutes, **1** _____ it the shortest war in history. It all started when **2** _____ pro-British Sultan Hamad bin Thuwaini died on August 25 and his cousin, Khalid bin Barghash, **3** _____ the throne. Rumours claimed that the new Sultan poisoned the old one.

The British government wanted Hamoud bin Muhammad in place as Sultan, and gave Khalid **4** _____ 9 a.m. local time on 27 August 1896, to cede the throne to the pro-British heir. At precisely 9 a.m., when Khalid refused to abdicate, the British bombardment began. Guns from the British ships fired **5** _____ the Sultan's palace. After a mere 38 minutes, Khalid's troops fled the scene. The shortest war in the history of the world was over.

1	A made	B making	C having made	D having been made
2	A a	B an	C the	D -
3	A seizing	B had seized	C seized	D has seized
4	A since	B until	C from	D with
5	A at	B from	C in	D to

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Influenza: the origin of the name