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

TASK 4

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Influenza: the origin of the name