

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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 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**
Influenza: the origin of the name