

Read the story below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6).

The Inspiring Story of Lim Thiam Wah

99 Speedmart is one of Malaysia's largest convenience store chains, with over 2,000 locations nationwide. Founded by Lee Thiam Wah, 99 Speedmart has become a popular store in Malaysia. He has a net worth of RM12.1 billion. (1) ____ However, Lee did not have an easy upbringing. (2) ____ Diagnosed with poliomyelitis at just eight months old, he has been confined to a wheelchair since then.

Lee completed only six years of primary school. (3) ____ His father was a construction worker, and his mother was a street vendor. Together, they worked hard to support their family, which included Lee and his 11 brothers.

(4) ____ He began selling snacks outside his home, demonstrating early entrepreneurial skills. Encouraged by his paternal grandmother's advice, he embraced the idea that while he may be physically limited, his mental abilities remained intact.

In 1987, he achieved his business breakthrough. (5) ____ His business's goal was simple. He just wanted to provide affordable products to everyday consumers. His marketing strategy of near-and-save proved to be successful. With his unwavering commitment to quality and customer satisfaction quickly set his stores apart.

Today, 99 Speedmart has branches everywhere in Malaysia and recipients of numerous awards, highlighting its success and commitment in the retail industry. (6) ____ It demonstrates that determination can lead to astonishing achievements.

- A He faced significant challenges early in life.
- B He was born with a silver spoon.
- C This massive fortune makes him one of the richest men in the country.
- D He had a leg up in the retail industry.
- E This was due to his parent's financial struggles.
- F Despite his hardships, he refused to let his condition define him.
- G Lee's success is a reminder of the power of resilience.
- H He opened the first 99 Speedmart store.

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