

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Jamie Marshall – teenage magician!

Doing magic tricks is not something that only older people enjoy. I've just been in a competition for teenage magicians – and lots of people my age took part. But the best thing was – I won! I did a trick involving taking a ring from someone in the audience.

16 Both the audience and the judges were really impressed by that unusual way of ending the trick.

My interest in magic started with a child's magic set that I got for my birthday a few years ago. I began practising a lot, doing tricks whenever I had a spare moment.

17 But that never happened, and I went on to develop lots of new tricks.

My grandad loves magic, too. He was always doing things like producing coins from behind my ear – his way of giving me pocket money! **18** So he never showed me any of his secrets and I just had to find out for myself!

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- C** Actually, I'd love to be able to do both.
- D** I still needed to do some more work on that, though.
- E** It's surprising really, as I used to be quite shy!
- F** The next time they saw it, it was inside a melon that I'd cut open.
- G** It made me start thinking about all sorts of possibilities.
- H** But of course, people who do magic tricks never tell you how they're done.

I also loved performing tricks for friends at school. And as I got better, I started performing at events like family weddings and parties. At first, I thought I'd be really nervous, but in fact, I've always been completely relaxed when I'm performing.

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What made the biggest difference to my routine, however, was taking up drama classes when I was 15. That really helped a lot. It would be great if I could work in the world of magic when I get older – and even become a famous magician! I'm not really sure what my future will hold, though. I might go into acting instead. 20 That would be cool! But whatever I end up doing, I know I'm going to really enjoy it!

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