

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

Love and relationships

In the past, the first stages (0) *OF* love were often described as 'lovesickness', and many people used (1) believe that love was a kind of madness! However, there could be a rational, scientific explanation for the intense feelings we experience when we fall (2) love. Studies suggest that, when we are beginning a relationship, our brains produce a hormone called dopamine, which causes us to feel great joy and excitement. But watch out: this doesn't last! (3) about a year, levels of the hormone recede, and we return to our usual emotional levels.

So (4) don't all relationships fall apart at that point? Luckily, it seems that a year is just enough time for couples to find out how well they get (5) with their partners, and how much they enjoy (6) other's company. As a result, new bonds of love, affection and friendship are created which can last a lifetime. According to May Wilks, who has been happily married to Jack (7) seventy-eight years, 'true love takes work. When we were first dating, Jack bought me flowers every week, and he (8) walk me home every evening after work. He's just as kind and loving today. Now I'm 106, Jack still tells me every day how beautiful I am! I couldn't be any happier.'