

**Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (1 - 6). There are two choices you do not need to use.**

### **BOXING DAY**

Boxing Day is the following day after (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It is on 26 December. Like Christmas Day, Boxing Day is a public holiday.

Why is 26 December called Boxing Day in England? Traditionally, this was the day to open the Christmas boxes to share the contents (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (the Christmas box was a wooden or clay container where people placed gifts).

The tradition of giving money to workers (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It is customary for householders to give small gifts or monetary tips to regular visiting tradespeople (the milkman, dustman, coalman, paper boy etc.) and, in some work places, for employers to give a Christmas bonus to employees.

Schools across the country gather together gifts to be put in Christmas boxes (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Traditionally, Boxing Day is the day (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is a day of watching sports and playing board games with the family. Many families will go for walks in the countryside together this day.

Shops are generally closed on Boxing Day. However, in recent times some shops have broken from the tradition and started opening on Boxing Day (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Hundreds of people now spend Boxing Day morning in queues outside shops, waiting to be the first to dive for the sales racks as the doors are opened.

- A** still continues today
- B** with the poor
- C** are traditionally high
- D** Christmas Day
- E** that are sent to poorer countries
- F** to start the New Year sales
- G** when families get together
- H** amended the inscription