

B1 Pet - Reading

- Part 4 -

FIVE SENTENCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE TEXT BELOW. FOR EACH QUESTION, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

THERE ARE THREE EXTRA SENTENCES YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE..

A Moment of Silence

A moment of silence is a short period of time when people do not make any noise. (1) ____ In many countries, it is customary to observe a moment of silence after a tragic event.

(2) ____ However, other amounts of time may be chosen. On November 11th, many countries observe a two-minute silence to remember those who died in World Wars. The tradition commenced in 1919, exactly one year after the end of World War I. (3) ____

During the moment of silence, people often bow their heads, remove their hats, and do not speak or move. (4) ____

A moment of silence may come before or after other events with symbolic meaning. Examples of these events are the ringing of bells, the release of doves or balloons, or a bugle playing the «Last Post».

Some people pray during moments of silence but some other people claim that official acts should not include praying as to keep the separation of church and state. (5) ____ They can be used for other thoughts that are not religious.

- A The person in charge will tell everyone when it begins and ends.
- B Moments of silence often last one minute.
- C It has become an official part of the annual service on Armistice Day.
- D In some countries, Armistice Day coincides with other public holidays.
- E Nevertheless, moments of silence do not have to be time for prayers.
- F A moment of silence shows respect for people who have died.
- G They can last for as much as people agree upon.
- H When people pray, they address the deity or deities they believe in.