

For questions **1-8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C or D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

### Vera Neumann: fabric designer

Vera Neumann was a designer and businesswoman whose products **(0) (found / arrived / fetched / reached)** their way into the homes of people across the USA.

Vera was born in Connecticut in 1907 and showed artistic **(1)** ..... from an early age. After attending art college in New York, she got a job as a textile designer, but didn't like being **(2)** ..... what to do. Determined to develop her own styles, Vera started to produce tablecloths each item printed by hand in her kitchen.

But it was her scarves that **(3)** ..... Vera's name. Good fabric was in short **(4)** ..... during the Second World War, but Vera was lucky enough to **(5)** ..... across some silk left over from the manufacture of parachutes. Vera used it to design scarves with floral, abstract and geometric designs. These were an **(6)** ..... success when they appeared in department stores and during the 1950s they were the **(7)** ..... of fashion, being worn by celebrities such as the film star Marilyn Monroe. By 1960, the company which Vera had **(8)** ..... was employing 200 staff and producing 130 patterns per season.

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| 1 A training   | B talent       | C expert      | D gift     |
| 2 A led        | B directed     | C told        | D forced   |
| 3 A got        | B did          | C gained      | D made     |
| 4 A supply     | B availability | C quantity    | D delivery |
| 5 A fall       | B come         | C happen      | D run      |
| 6 A acute      | B urgent       | C instant     | D extreme  |
| 7 A height     | B peak         | C top         | D crown    |
| 8 A worked out | B put on       | C carried off | D set up   |