Read the text and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

James Bond

He's got (0)a.... licence to kill and he prefers his Martinis shaken not stirred. The name's Bond, James Bond.

British author Ian Fleming, who had worked (1) a naval intelligence officer before becoming a writer, got the name for his fictional spy from (2) American bird expert. Fleming was a bird-watcher and had a copy (3) the book Birds of the West Indies by James Bond. He thought the name was a perfect fit for his masculine action hero. James Bond made (4) first appearance in the 1952 book Casino Royale. Fleming wrote (5) book at his Goldeneye estate in Jamaica. Fleming went (7) to write a total of twelve Bond novels and two short story collections. In 1963, the Bond novel Dr. No was adapted (8) the screen. This was to be the beginning of one of the most successful film franchises (8) history. Different actors have played the part of James Bond, also known as 007, including Sean Connery, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig.

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