

4.4 Speaking and writing

Writing writing a summary

- 1 Choose a paraphrasing synonym from the box for each of the underlined words and phrases in the text.

cycle develop it is often said that rapidly rehearse
repeatedly sometimes called tell

It is often said that

¹ People say that you never forget how to ² ride a bike.

It's what is ³ known as 'muscle memory'. If you

⁴ practise something physical ⁵ over and over again,

you will ⁶ build up a memory of the process in your

brain, which means that your brain can ⁷ quickly

⁸ instruct your muscles how to do it.

- 2 Now complete this paraphrased version of the text in exercise 1, using the words and phrases in the box. There are two options you do not need.

develop it is sometimes called muscle memory rapidly
rehearse repeatedly ~~you never forget how to do~~

They say that riding a bike is something

¹ you never forget how to do because of what is often referred to as ² _____. Practising something physical ³ _____ leads us to ⁴ _____ a memory in our brains. As a result, our brains are able to ⁵ _____ inform the muscles exactly what they need to do.



Speaking giving opinions and trying to change someone's opinion

- 3 Divide the following phrases into two categories: (A) giving opinions and (B) trying to change someone's opinion.

- 1 From my point of view, ...
- 2 Well, you've got a point, but ...
- 3 Personally, I think ...
- 4 As I see it, ...
- 5 Yes, but don't you think ...?
- 6 No, but ...
- 7 It seems to me ...
- 8 Yes, but on the other hand ...
- 9 Yes, but if you look at it from a different angle, surely ...

- 4a Put the conversation (between two people) into the correct order.

- ___ Well, you've got a point, but I'm sure the teacher can tell. As I see it, exams just test your memory, not how much you really understand.
- 1 Would you rather have more exams, or do more work during a course?
- ___ Yes, but don't you think that's a bit unfair on people who aren't good at memorizing things?
- ___ Personally, I think exams are easier. I'm quite good at learning things by heart.
- ___ Well, it seems to me that they test both. No one enjoys them very much, but we've been using them successfully for a long time now!
- ___ Yes, but on the other hand, if people write essays at home, how does the teacher know they didn't get help?

- b 4.4))) Listen and check your answers to exercise 4a.

I can ...

write a summary.

Very well Quite well More practice

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