

## Unit 12. The Body Beautiful. Writing.

Your teacher has asked you to write a dramatic story. Your story must begin with this sentence. *Alex was the best friend anyone could have.*

(100 words)

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### *Video. The Memory Man.*

#### Before you watch

**A** How much do you know about the human brain? Look at the statements below and write T (True) or F (False).

- 1 The brain is the most complex organ in the body.
- 2 Our brain sleeps when we sleep.
- 3 The right side of the brain controls the left side of the body and vice versa.

#### While you watch

**B** Watch the video and circle the words you hear.

- 1 The young Italian man calls it '*the art / ability* of memory'.

- 2 It's a kind of memory that is *connects / connected* to what I see.
- 3 Gianni has a very special kind of *gene / memory*.
- 4 Researchers are now studying how memory and *learning / knowledge* change the brain.
- 5 He practises continuously to *increase / improve* the power of his memory.
- 6 If there is a memory gene, Gianni Golfera *probably / definitely* has it.

**After you watch**

**C** Complete the summary of the video below using these words.

*correctly genes information memorized memory numbers result wonder*

Gianni Golfera is a man with a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_. He can remember a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ In one experiment, people choose 60 numbers and someone reads the \_\_\_\_\_ to Golfera, who is blindfolded. Then, after hearing them only once, Golfera says the numbers \_\_\_\_\_ from memory. After that, he says the numbers again, backwards this time. And again, he does it perfectly. Golfera has \_\_\_\_\_ over 250 books and he can remember every detail of every day of his life. Doctors \_\_\_\_\_ why he has such a great memory. Is it because he received good memory \_\_\_\_\_ from his family? Or is it the \_\_\_\_\_ of a lot of practice? Whatever the reason, Golfera is making good use of it. He teaches classes that help people 'remember to remember'.