

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then match the paraphrases with the opinions.

In the IELTS Reading test, you are sometimes asked to match opinions with the people who express them in the text. It is important to understand how opinions can be paraphrased. For example:

Opinion: *Henry Ford's views on history have been misrepresented.*

Paraphrase: *Ford has frequently been quoted, yet what he said about history has often been taken out of context.*

In this example, *misrepresented* is paraphrased as *taken out of context*.

It is debatable whether, for example, Tim Berners-Lee was able to invent the World Wide Web because of all the historical dates he'd memorised as a schoolboy.

A knowledge of history should enable people to evaluate how valid a statement or an argument actually is.

Professors of history frequently have little contact with those who teach and learn in today's classrooms.

Essentially, looking at where we've come from enables us to interpret where we are at the moment.

1. The study of history involves learning to think critically.

2. Learning about the past enables us to better understand the present.

3. Some historians are out of touch with the realities of the education system.

4. Improvements that affect people's lives are not made possible by the study of history.
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