

1 Read the text quickly and choose the best title for it.

- 1 The Real Rain Man
- 2 The Biggest Slice of Pi
- 3 The Man with the Amazing Mind

2 Read the text. Complete gaps 1–5 with sentences A–F.

There is one extra sentence.

- A Despite these limitations, he is slowly extending his emotional range.
- B At school, he struggled to read body language or make eye contact, finding it impossible to interpret how other people were feeling.
- C *Born on a Blue Day* was named 'Best Book for Young Adults' in 2008 by the American Library Association.
- D Remarkably, though, he was able to read two pages of a book at once, one with each eye, and remember every single word.
- E There are only about fifty savants in the world (all men), but Tammet is unique in being able to describe how his mind works.
- F Tammet describes seeing the number as a landscape through which he travelled in his mind.

3 Read the text again. Are statements 1–7 true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The film *Rain Man* is partly based on Daniel's life story.
- 2 Unlike other savants, Daniel is able to explain his remarkable abilities.
- 3 At school, Daniel didn't find interacting with others easy.
- 4 Daniel claims he can see, hear and feel numbers.
- 5 Daniel may not actually be experiencing the emotions he shows to other people.
- 6 Kim Peek and Daniel Tammet wrote a successful book together.
- 7 Daniel says that people sometimes confuse him with Professor Stephen Hawking.

4 Complete the collocations with the verbs in the box. There are two extra words. Then match the collocations with the meanings a–e.

find have involve make put
read see take

f

take something for granted

- 1 make something to good use
- 2 have eye contact with someone
- 3 have an effect on someone
- 4 read someone's body language
- 5 see the big picture

REMEMBER BETTER

When learning a new collocation, remember that it may include words that have multiple meanings, e.g. in the collocation to see the big picture, the word picture refers not to a painting, drawing or photograph, but to a situation.

Complete the sentences with the collocations in Exercise 4. Change the form if necessary.

On this week's show, how to read your partner's body language.

- 1 Ellen was so embarrassed she couldn't even see the nurse.
- 2 Julia has seen her bilingualism make working as an interpreter in the European Parliament.
- 3 The doctor's warning obviously had an effect on Kelly. She has started going to the gym again.
- 4 Ten hours into the power cut, Damien realised just how much we all depend on electricity to live.
- 5 The chairman accused the union leader of focusing on minor details and failing to see the big picture.

5 Complete the collocations. The first letters are given.

Man in accident

Sam Green, 23, was found unconscious in his car which had hit a tree in a storm. It is believed that during the crash he hit his head, causing him to lose consciousness, and subsequently fall into a coma. Doctors have confirmed that he regained consciousness and came out of the coma a week later. Fortunately, Mr Green didn't suffer any other injuries and he has now fully recovered and left hospital. Nobody knows how the accident happened – it will remain a mystery. Mr Green believes that his car might have been struck by lightning as the engine suddenly stopped working, which is known to happen when lightning hits a vehicle.

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6 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 1.4 in the Student's Book. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use expressions with brain.

I can't stop thinking about that song.

I've got that song on the brain.

- 1 Suddenly, Mark had a great idea. Suddenly, Mark had a good idea.
- 2 Jackie was responsible for inventing that machine. Jackie was responsible for that machine.
- 3 I'm trying hard to remember that actor's name. I'm struggling to remember that actor's name.
- 4 Shall we try and think of some new ideas? Shall we think of some new ideas?
- 5 She's very intelligent. She's very clever.