

A test

1. Read the description of a BBC TV documentary and answer the questions:

- What is the aim of the documentary?
- Whose lives does it follow? For how long?
- What is the purpose of the test?

2. Take a piece of paper, listen to

Part 1 1.3

Part 2

Follow the test instructions.

3. Listen to the explanation in Part 3.

1.4

Look at the picture on the second page.

- Does your picture look the same?
- How many parts of the bike did you draw?
Does it have a person on it?

4. Listen to the people discussing their pictures of the bicycles.

Who says the sentences 1-6? A man (M) or a woman (W)?

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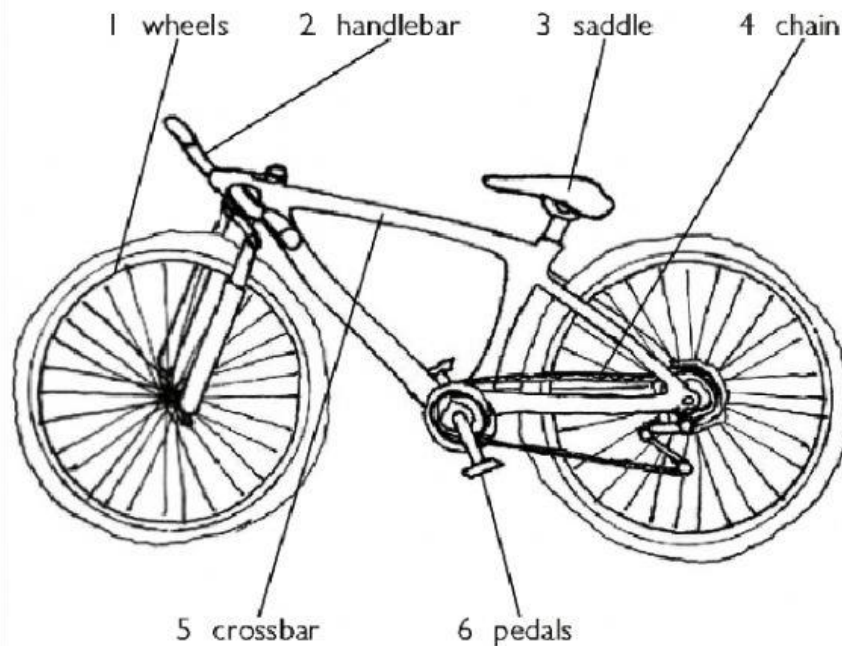
1. None of us go the chain, did we?
2. Pedals not chains, so mine will never work.
3. None of us drew a person.
4. I've got a little bird on my handlebars.
5. Yours is the most accurate one.
6. And you've got lights on yours.

Child of Our Time

Child of Our Time is a BBC documentary that aims to discover what makes us who we are. The programme follows the lives of twenty-five children and their families for a period of twenty years. During the series, the children and their parents do a number of tests. In this programme, they do a test to discover whether a male brain is different from a female brain and how this affects our character and abilities.

Look at the tape-script below for better understanding if necessary

Look at your drawing. Does it include these things?



Part 4

P: Here are some comments from men and women who did the test.

W1: Hmmm. Well, I only got four parts right. How many did you get right?

M1: I only got four. How many did you get?

W2: I've got, I've got five, but none of us got the chain, did we, so ...

M1: Mine hasn't even got pedals ...

W2: No, mine hasn't got pedals ...

M1: Pedals nor chains so mine will never work!

W2: But if you've got pedals and no chain it's not going to work anyway ...

M1: It'll have to be going downhill ...

W2: And also that, um, that means the explanation for men making the bike work doesn't work because you, you ...

M1: That's right ... of the two women and one man none of us drew ...

W2: Have made the bike work.

M1: ... yeah and none of us drew a person ... so the explanation about women wanting to put a person on there is hasn't proven correct for you two ...

W1: No, not with us ... no.

M1: And mine is meant to be all about functionality and it hasn't ... ah, I've got a little bird on my handle bars though ...

W2: It's a very clear drawing though, yours ...

W1: I think mine is more male than yours, maybe?

Yes ...

M1: I think you're right ...

W2: Yours is much more accurate ... yours is the most accurate one.

M1: The way you've used the biro to just kind of make the lines more solid ... that's quite a masculine ...

W1: And you've got lights on yours and you've got, you've got five, five parts.

W2: Yeah.