

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)

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.

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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'.