

## Exercise 4

*Read the statements. What opinions are being expressed by the phrases in bold? Choose the correct answers.*

1. **It goes without saying that** a country's culture is fundamentally shaped by its past.
  - This is obviously true.
  - This is rarely said.
2. **It remains to be seen whether** history will be kept on the school's curriculum.
  - This is continuing to happen.
  - We don't yet know if this will happen.
3. **Beyond doubt**, the popularity of history as a school subject is in decline.
  - This is clearly true.
  - This is difficult to prove.
4. The value of learning historical dates by heart is **open to debate**.
  - It is a controversial subject.
  - There are different opinions about this.
5. **The jury is out** on whether history should be compulsory for all schoolchildren.
  - No decision has been reached.
  - This is a complex legal issue.