

Reading comprehension: "Learning from personal experiences"

Read the text from the PDF and do the following activities.

A. Quickly read the texts A-D and answer the question that follows.

What the all four people have in common?

- a. All of them lacked motivation at first
- b. All of them showed great determination
- C. All of them were talented in their field
- d. All of them learned without effort



B. Read the four texts again. For questions 1-13, choose from the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person(s)

- 1) was first inspired by someone they saw?
- 2) traveled abroad specifically to learn something?
- 3) were obliged to learn something new because of a turn of events?
- 4) would get so discouraged at times that they would give up trying?
- 5) was introduced to a local practice?
- 6) surprised people by their ability to learn on their own?
- 7) amused people with their mistakes?
- 8) had learned more than they realized?
- 9) learned from ordinary people?
- 10) did not have to learn something from scratch?
- 11) used technology to enhance their learning?
- 12) had an experience in the past of learning something similar?
- 13) had a stroke of luck?

C. Match the words highlighted in yellow in the text with their meanings. There are two extra meanings which you do not need to use.

1. pick up	a. unable to deal with something
2. overwhelmed	b. sudden and odd
3. unrelenting	c. found shelter
4. dawned on	d. escaped
5. figure out	e. musical tones
6. chords	f. impressed
7. freak	g. managed to save
8. took refuge	h. learn without making much effort
9. salvaged	i. realized
	j. continuous
	k. understand