

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.

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| 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 |