

Exercises

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#1 · English

Learning Through Mistakes - Reading Exercise

True or false · B1 - Intermediate · Lexim

Reading text: Elena had always wanted to learn pottery, but she believed that she was not naturally creative. She joined a weekly evening course at a community studio, expecting to make simple bowls after a few lessons. During her first class, the clay collapsed several times, and her final bowl was uneven. The teacher told her that beginners often learn more from failed attempts than from perfect results.

Over the next few weeks, Elena kept a notebook about each piece. She recorded how much water she had used, how long she had shaped the clay and what happened in the kiln. This method helped her identify small changes that improved her work. She also began asking classmates for advice instead of comparing her first attempts with their finished pieces.

At the end of the course, Elena displayed three bowls and a small vase. None of them was completely perfect, but each one showed progress. She did not become a professional potter, nor did she intend to. The course changed her attitude towards learning: she now sees mistakes as information that can guide the next attempt. She has started using the same approach when learning other skills.

Read the text carefully and decide whether each statement is True or False. The statements refer only to information in the text.

1. Elena thought she was naturally creative before joining the course.
 - True
 - False
2. Her first bowl was uneven.
 - True
 - False
3. The teacher said that beginners never learn from mistakes.
 - True
 - False
4. Elena wrote notes about her work and the firing process.
 - True
 - False
5. She refused to ask her classmates for advice.
 - True
 - False
6. The course changed the way Elena thinks about mistakes.
 - True
 - False