

# World Bicycle Day

Pre-Intermediate level

# Warm-up

## Discuss the questions:

Can you ride a bike?

*If yes, when did you learn?*

*Did you parents teach you?*

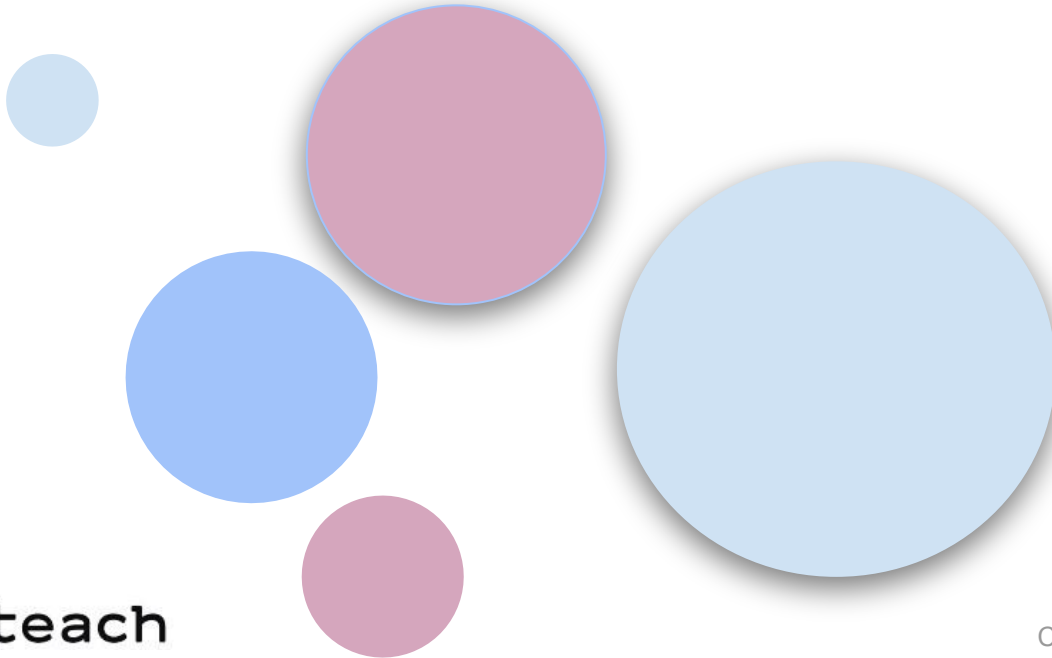
*If no, would you like to learn?*

Are bikes popular in cities?



# Task 1 - Benefits of cycling

**Name positive effects of cycling.**



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Now take a look at the ideas given:



**Let's discuss them:**

1. Did you name the same benefits?
2. Do you agree with these ones?
3. Can bicycles do any harm?

# Task 2 - History of the Bicycle

Take a look at [the timeline](#) and answer the questions:

1. Was the earliest bike easy to ride?
2. When was the first true bicycle (velocipede) invented?
3. When did bikes become comfortable for ladies?
4. Which of these bicycles do you think is the most unusual?
5. How will future bicycles look like?



# Task 3 - The greatest race

**Do you know the name of the largest bicycle race in the world?**



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**Read some facts about Tour de France:**

1. More than 40 000 water bottles are used by cycling teams.
2. The average cyclist burns around 4000 calories during each stage of the Tour.
3. Earlier it was OK to drink alcohol during the race.
4. The total prize money is \$4.3 mln.

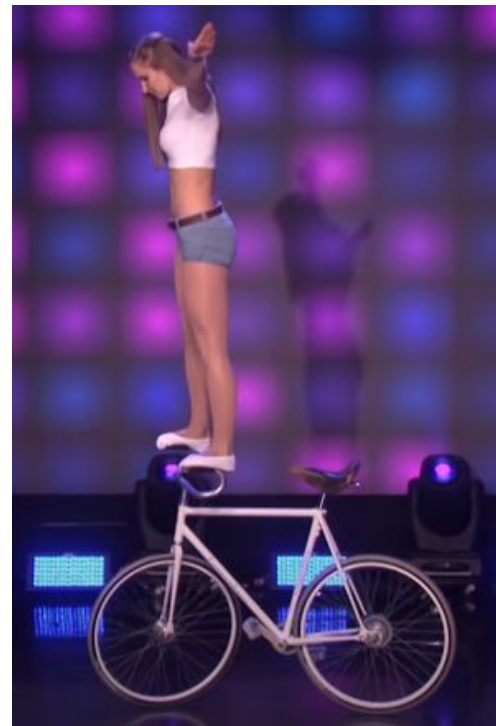
**Answer the questions:**

1. Which fact surprised you the most?
2. Why do cyclists drink a lot of water?
3. Do you think consuming alcohol while cycling is OK?

## Task 4 - An amazing skill!

Watch [the video](#) (till 4:10) and choose whether these statements are true or false:

1. The girl is from France.
2. She performs alone.
3. She isn't very slim.
4. She has just started her career.
5. Her brother was doing the same.
6. She had an injury twice.
7. She likes watching TheEllenShow.



# Task 4 - Discussion

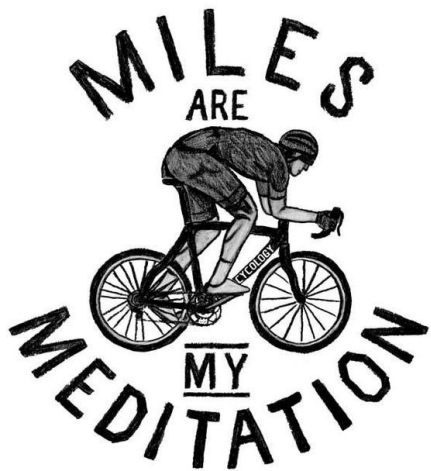
## Now let's have a discussion:

1. What do you think about Viola's skill?
2. Would you like to be able to do the same?
3. What other amazing skills do you know?
4. Do you have any?
5. Have you ever had traumas?



# Extra task - Quotes

Can you say that these quotes describe you well?



# Keys

## Task 2

1. Was the earliest bike easy to ride? *No, it was difficult and even dangerous to maneuver.*
2. When was the first true bicycle invented? *In 1860*
3. When did bikes become comfortable for ladies? *In 1894- Betty Bloomers became popular. Women were no longer restricted in movement and could ride comfortably in their long skirts*

## Task 4

1. The girl is from France - *False, she's from Germany*
2. She performs alone - *True*
3. She isn't very slim - *False, she is slim*
4. She has just started her career - *False, she has been doing it for 20 years*
5. Her brother was doing the same - *True*
6. She had an injury twice - *False, she had it once*
7. She likes watching TheEllenShow - *True*