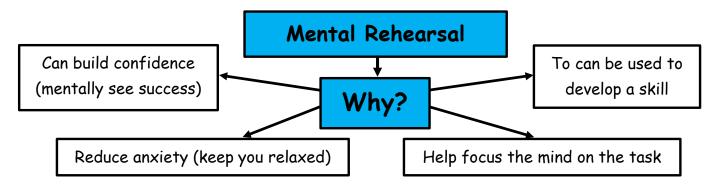
Component 2 Mental Rehearsal

Mental Preparation

Mental preparation or mental rehearsal is a technique used by elite performers. It involves mentally practicing a skill before actually doing it.



	Explanation	Example 1	Example 2
Warm-up	One of the reasons why we warm-up is to mentally prepare, this can be done by mental rehearsal The performer goes through a skill or sequence of events they are about to perform in their mind This helps them clarify the skill they are about to perform, so they are confident they are ready to perform	Before a gymnastics performance they will imagine performing the actual routine, going through the various skills and visualising the whole routine	Before participating in the bobsleigh, the driver will mentally go through the race, visualising every bend and turn down the track before actually racing
During an event	Although mental rehearsal is completed before the start of a performance as part of their warm-up. It can also be used during a break or during the performance During a match when play is paused	If awarded a free kick in football the performer will see themselves completing the skill and where the ball is going to go before they take it	During a free throw in netball the performer will imagine themselves successfully completing the shot before taking it