

## 2 VOCABULARY Memory

- a** Complete the conversation with the words in the box. There may be more than one possible answer.

painful memory   east   a vivid memory   come to mind  
a lasting memory   slipped   reminds   treasure

- A** If you <sup>1</sup> cast your mind back to your early life as a child, what do you remember?  
**B** I find the smell of cut grass always <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me of my childhood.  
**A** Do you have <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of that time?  
**B** Well, to be honest many things are just a distant memory now. Although I suppose one thing I do <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is the memory of family holidays by the sea.  
**A** Do you have any recollection at all of your school days?  
**B** Well, I have <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the day I started school. One boy wouldn't stop crying. I still remember some of my teachers as well but other things have completely <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my mind.  
**A** Do any of your school friends <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
**B** I do have rather a <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of a friend who one day moved away suddenly and I never saw again.

- b** Underline the correct words to complete the story.

When I was very young, I <sup>1</sup> say / remind / remember we always went to France on holiday. In those days, it was quite unusual to go abroad, but I have a vivid <sup>2</sup> memory / souvenir / photo of our car being lifted by crane onto the ferry which would take us across the sea from Southampton to Cherbourg. Another image which <sup>3</sup> comes / goes / flashes to mind is seeing the red-shuttered hotel for the first time as we arrived at our destination after what seemed like an incredibly long journey. We used to collect sugar wrappers and coasters as <sup>4</sup> items / souvenirs / memories and I will never forget buying small plastic cars to take home. In the evenings, we would walk along the beach and I have a <sup>5</sup> vague / dull / thick memory of paddling in the ocean at sunset. I also <sup>6</sup> recall / remind / think another time when my brothers put me in a rowing boat and pretended to push me out to sea. I will never <sup>7</sup> forget / forgo / forgive the sheer terror as they waved me off! I am getting old now but I still have my photo album to <sup>8</sup> jog / run / tip my memory. The photos <sup>9</sup> remind / remember / recall me of a very special time of my life.