

# 8 Youth

**Aims:** Talking about remembering, childhood | Using past tenses, used to, would  
**Pronunciation:** Past tense -ed endings, diphthongs  
**Exam technique:** Fluency

## Vocabulary: Remembering



1 Listen and complete the texts below with the words you hear. The words form part of collocations and phrases connected with remembering – the other words in the collocations and phrases appear in *italics*.

- 1 When I hear music from the 70s, it really (1) \_\_\_\_\_ me back. It makes me feel like I'm a teenager again, the *memories* are so (2) \_\_\_\_\_. So many things from that period of my life left a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ impression on me, like meeting my first girlfriend and sitting my A levels in sweltering heat. It's still (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in my mind.
- 2 I can (1) \_\_\_\_\_ remember what I did yesterday let alone events from my childhood. Well, having said that, I have some (2) \_\_\_\_\_ memories. I remember a teacher I really liked called ... oh, the name (3) \_\_\_\_\_ me. But she was so brilliant at explaining things and was really kind when my brother was taken ill. Oh, what was her name? It's on the tip of my (4) \_\_\_\_\_! Anyway, as I said, I have a bad memory.
- 3 I often reminisce about the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ old days. You have to be careful, though, because it's easy to get sentimental and see everything through rose-tinted glasses. Things weren't perfect back then but you often only remember the good times. I love looking at old photos. They remind me of people I'd (2) \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten about and then it all comes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ back, like my old friend Alice who passed away ten years ago. Can it really be that long? Doesn't time (4) \_\_\_\_\_!

## 2 Which phrases from Exercise 1 are paraphrased below?

- 1 I can almost remember it but not quite.
- 2 Time passes very quickly.
- 3 It reminds me of the past.
- 4 I can remember it clearly, like it was yesterday.
- 5 I suddenly remember it really clearly.

## Vocabulary: Childhood

### 3 Complete sentences 1–9 with the words and collocations a–i derived from the word *child*.

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| <b>a</b> a latchkey child | <b>d</b> child labour   | <b>g</b> childhood friends |
| <b>b</b> an only child    | <b>e</b> child's play   | <b>h</b> childish          |
| <b>c</b> child benefit    | <b>f</b> child-friendly | <b>i</b> happy childhood   |

- 1 I bump into my \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally though we've got nothing in common anymore.
- 2 I'm lucky, I had a very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 We can't take Sophie there. It's not a very \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant.
- 4 Does she have any brothers or sisters? – No, she's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 After your IELTS exam, that data-entry test should be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Families with children can claim \_\_\_\_\_ from the government.
- 7 An estimated one in six children worldwide are engaged in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 He's \_\_\_\_\_ he arrives home from school to an empty house because his parents are at work.
- 9 She's older than me, yet she's so \_\_\_\_\_!

### 4 Match words 1–8 with definitions a–h.

1 be well brought up	a speak to someone angrily or seriously because they have done something wrong
2 upbringing	b someone who is older than you, usually someone quite a lot older
3 parenting	c obey a person, a command, or an instruction
4 your elders	d be polite because your parents have taught you to behave well
5 do as you're told	e do some of the housework
6 have good manners	f the way that your parents treat you and the things that they teach you when you are growing up
7 tell someone off	g the activity of bringing up and looking after your child
8 help around the house	h be polite and observe social customs