

8 Youth

Aims: Talking about remembering, childhood | Using past tenses, used to, would

Pronunciation: Past tense -ed endings, diphthongs

Exam technique: Fluency

Vocabulary: Remembering



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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*.

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