

## UNIT 2: MEMORY AND THE MIND

### Describe a memorable period or event from your childhood.

balancing excitement gained confidence hold the back  
pedal persistence scraped my knee support

One of the most memorable events from my childhood was the first time I learned to ride a bicycle.

It happened when I was around six years old. My father bought me a small red bike for my birthday. At first, I was very excited but also nervous because (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on two wheels seemed impossible to me.

During the first few days, my father would (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the bike and run alongside me as I tried to (3) \_\_\_\_\_. I fell many times and even (4) \_\_\_\_\_. But my father kept encouraging me, telling me not to give up. Slowly, I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and was able to balance better. After about a week of practice, I finally managed to ride without any help. I still remember the feeling of (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom as I pedaled down the street all by myself.

This event was memorable because it taught me the value of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and not giving up, even when something seems difficult. I also learned how important (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from family can be when you're trying to achieve something new.

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break the ice bundle of nerves comfort zone crying first taste  
for dear life hit it off in store stands out with open arms

One of the most memorable events from my childhood was when I started school for the very first time. I must have been about five years old, and I still remember that day **as if it were yesterday**. I was a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ because it was all completely new to me, and I didn't know **what was** (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

When I arrived, the place was buzzing with children – some were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ **their eyes out**, while others were **clinging to their parents** (4) \_\_\_\_\_. I tried to **keep my cool**, though deep down, I was anxious. My teacher **greeted us** (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and a warm smile, which helped me (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and settle in more easily. Throughout the day, we played games, sang songs, and even dipped our toes into writing some letters. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with a few classmates right away, which made things much easier.

This experience really (8) \_\_\_\_\_ **in my memory** because it was my (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of **independence**. I learned how to get along with others, follow instructions, and deal with unfamiliar situations. Looking back, it taught me that **stepping out of my** (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can open the door to exciting new experiences.