

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 ¹ cast your mind back to your early life as a child, what do you remember?
B I find the smell of cut grass always ² _____ me of my childhood.
A Do you have ³ _____ of that time?
B Well, to be honest many things are just a distant memory now. Although I suppose one thing I do ⁴ _____ 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 ⁵ _____ 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 ⁶ _____ my mind.
A Do any of your school friends ⁷ _____?
B I do have rather a ⁸ _____ 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 ¹ 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 ² 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 ³ 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 ⁴ 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 ⁵ vague / dull / thick memory of paddling in the ocean at sunset. I also ⁶ 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 ⁷ forget / forgo / forgive the sheer terror as they waved me off! I am getting old now but I still have my photo album to ⁸ jog / run / tip my memory. The photos ⁹ remind / remember / recall me of a very special time of my life.