

ring a bell

definition

Something that sounds familiar to you or causes you to remember something or someone (usually when you cannot remember the exact details).

origin

The origin of this phrase is unclear, but there are some theories. One theory refers to Pavlov's experiments with dogs, where he used a bell to invoke memories. When the dogs were served food, a bell was rung. ... Another theory suggests that bells have been used to remind or instruct us to do something since a long time.

Name rings the bell, but I try not to follow the news.

His name no longer rings a bell with anyone

No, I'm sorry, that description doesn't ring any bells with me.

1. Think of your own examples.

2. Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions, use the idiom.

3. Have you heard any other idioms in the episode?