



## 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?**