

Handout 2

DESCRIBING MEMORIES

A Work in pairs. Each sentence below contains an error. Rewrite the sentences by changing one word so that the sentence is correct and logical. Use words from the box.

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- 1 Mark has a great short-term memory. He can recall conversations from many years ago.
- 2 I learned to ride a bike many years ago. It's such a distant memory that my recollection of it is vivid.
- 3 Did you get a haircut? I almost didn't recall you!
- 4 I will never forget my wedding day! My memories of that day are clear and vague.
- 5 When I smell apple pie, it looks me back to my childhood.
- 6 Nelson was very close to his grandmother. He has a recent memory of her singing to him when he was a baby.
- 7 I forgot to write down our plans. Please recognize me what time we are meeting.
- 8 When I bring back on my childhood, I realize how much my parents loved me.
- 9 The human brain can keep only a limited number of clear memories in short-term memory.



B Work in pairs. Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks in the conversations. Then practice the conversations with your partner.

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- 1 **Laura** Do you ever ¹ _____ on your ² _____ with regret?
Marcus Not really. Most of my ³ _____ memories are quite pleasant. What about you?
Laura I'm not sure, but I have a ⁴ _____ memory of being really mean to my sister.
Marcus You shouldn't worry about it. I'm sure she doesn't remember!
- 2 **Leo** Sue? Is that you?
Sue Wow! Leo? I almost didn't ⁵ _____ you! It's been, what? Almost twenty years since we graduated from college?
Leo At least! Seeing you really ⁶ _____ me back to our college days.
Sue Your ⁷ _____ memory must be better than mine! College was so long ago. It's really just a ⁸ _____ memory.
Leo Really? For me, those college memories are so clear and ⁹ _____!
- 3 **Mable** I have a terrible ¹⁰ _____ memory!
Alex Why do you say that?
Mable I'm studying for a vocabulary test and I can't ¹¹ _____ words that I learned yesterday!
Alex You should try making a set of study cards. Write the vocabulary word on one side and draw a picture on the other to help ¹² _____ you of the word.