LISTENING LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1.3

Collocations • memory

1 Choose the correct option to complete the extract from the recording.

Extract from Student's Book recording 1.8

Speaker 1

My earliest memory? I *have* / *'m having* a vague memory of the Christmas before I was three, but I [1]*have / had* very vivid memories of my third birthday party, and I can remember other events very clearly from when I was three years old. Some people say I must [2]*have / had to* confused a memory with photos [3]*I'll see / I've seen* of the same events. But [4]*I'd / I've* asked my mum about it and she agrees that my memories are accurate. For some of them, there's no photographic evidence or anything that [5]*could / could have* jogged my memory, so I believe they're real.

2 Complete the extract from the recording with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

confused	jogged	losing	manages
memories	remember	recall	vague

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Speaker 2

Most people in my family have rubbish *memories*, but my grandfather's amazing. He's not like other old people who are [1]_____ their memory and get [2]_____ – he's really switched on. He remembers dates and names and places. He can even [3]_____ in detail events that happened 50 years ago – and he's 77! I'm 16 and I can't [4]_____ what I did yesterday! I wish I had his memory – it would help me a lot in my exams. I asked him how he [5]_____ to remember things so well, and he says it's because he drinks green tea! I think it's because he reads a lot and stays active. He walks every day – he's much fitter than I am.



3 Read REMEMBER THIS. Complete the phrases with the words in the box.

back	bear	bell	draw	escape	heart	slip

to *slip* sb's mind – to forget about sth

1 to think _____ to sth – to try to recall an event

2 to _____ you – to try to think of something but not be able to

3 to learn by _____ – to memorise sth

4 to _____ sth in mind – to remember sth

5 to _____ a blank – to be unable to remember sth

6 to ring a _____ – to sound familiar

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words and phrases in Exercise 3.

I should be able to remember his address, but it *escapes* me.

1 Can you _____ to that day and tell me what happened?

2 _____ that it'll take a few hours to drive there, so leave early.

3 Actors need to _____ their lines _____ before filming can begin.

4 I'm sure I've seen him somewhere before, but I'm _____ at the moment.

5 Her name didn't _____, but when I saw a photo, I remembered who she was.

6 Oh no! I didn't do my homework; it completely _____.

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5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

earliest	good	jogged	lost	
photographic	sieve	vague	vivid	

I have a *good* memory for faces. I forget people's names, but never their faces.

1 I can remember all the details of my holiday in Prague. I have such _____ memories of it.

2 Joe has a _____ memory. He can read a page of any book and then remember everything on it.

3 In my _____ memory, I'm in the garden. I must have been about two years old.

4 After his accident, he _____ his memory completely. He didn't even remember his own name.

5 Sara has a memory like a _____. You tell her something and the next minute she's forgotten it!

6 I've only got a _____ memory of our old house. I can remember my bedroom, but not much else.

7 I'd forgotten about his birthday, but when I read the note it _____ my memory, so I b[illegible] h[illegible]

REMEMBER THIS

Different phrases can be used to talk about memory:

- for remembering – *bear something in mind, learn by heart, think back to something, ring a bell.*
  We're studying the table of elements in Chemistry and we have to learn it by heart.
- for forgetting – *slip your mind, escape you, draw a blank.*
  I'm sorry I didn't call you – it slipped my mind.

LIVEWORKSHEETS