12 Video Memory

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Vox pops

1 Work with a partner. Discuss the meaning of the words in bold. Then match memories 1–4 in column A to memories a–e in column B.

A *I remember ...*	**B** *I remember ...*
1 playing on the front **lawn**	a **hosepipe** parties
2 the hot summer of 1976	b liking it in the end
3 **being dragged to** my first dance class	c the colour of my dad's **trunks**
4 sitting on the bottom of the pool	d the **dappled** sunlight and the silvery **bark** of a tree

2 Watch the video. Do sections 1 and 2.

What's your earliest childhood memory?

1 Check your predictions from exercise **1** and note down extra details.

Do you associate any particular sounds or smells with memories? What are they?

2 Circle the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 Peter associates the smell of the earth with *a work colleague he used to have / a job he used to have / the time he spent in the forest as a child*.

2 Deborah remembers the sound of *her mother kicking her old car / her neighbour driving away in his old car / her neighbour having problems with an old car.*

3 Devon associates the smell of petrol stations with his grandfather *getting frustrated with having to wait at the petrol station / kicking his old car / standing for ages in a long queue.*

4 Emily associates *a special sound / a certain perfume / five different smells* with her late grandmother.

3 Tick the items which trigger positive memory associations for you.

a piece of jewellery ☐
cigarette smoke ☐
a particular perfume or aftershave ☐
a seashell ☐
the smell of something cooking ☐
a voice or accent ☐
a certain item of clothing ☐
a particular song ☐

Work in small groups and describe your memory associations. Which are the most moving/the funniest/ the happiest memories?

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