

VOCABULARY

collocations about memory

1  Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **remember every detail** / **learn things by heart** / **brought back memories** of that day – the sunlight on my pillow, the smell of my mother's cooking downstairs ...
- 2 My **short-term** / **long-term** / **perfect recall** memory is terrible. I can't even remember what I had for breakfast!
- 3 You need to learn your lines by **recall** / **memory** / **heart** when you're acting on stage.
- 4 Oh, that programme **remembered every detail** / **brought back memories** / **had a good memory** for me. I used to work in the building that was featured in it.
- 5 What are your earliest **long-term** / **short-term** / **childhood** memories?
- 6 I haven't **brought** / **got** / **learned** a good memory – I never remember anything!

idioms: memory

2 A Match the idioms (1–6) with the sentences which have a similar meaning (a–f).

- 1 Things go in one ear and out the other.
 - 2 It slipped my mind.
 - 3 Can you refresh my memory?
 - 4 It's on the tip of my tongue.
 - 5 That rings a bell.
 - 6 My memory's playing tricks on me.
- a It sounds familiar.
b I forgot.
c I quickly forget.
d I've remembered that incorrectly.
e I can't quite remember it!
f Please remind me.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the idioms in the box.

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- 1 Now, what was it? No, don't tell me – it's
- 2 That name definitely Did she used to work here?
- 3 I thought I'd sent that already. I guess my
- 4 Now, – what time are we starting tomorrow again?
- 5 You never listen! Honestly, it all goes
- 6 I forgot the milk! Sorry, it totally