

Putting words together...



- ▶ If you **change your mind**, you change your decision or opinion about something.
- ▶ If you make a decision, you can say that you **take a decision**, **come to a decision** or **reach a decision**.
- ▶ The first things you remember in your life are your **earliest memories**. You may have **happy memories** or **painful memories**.
- ▶ If you **solve a problem**, you find an answer for it.

Exercise 4

Match the people (a–f) with what they say (1–6).

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| <p>1 'When I was a child, my family was very poor and life was very difficult.'</p> <p>2 'I don't know if I want to marry my boyfriend or not. I can't decide.'</p> <p>3 'I wanted to go to university in Mexico City, but then I decided to go to the US instead.'</p> <p>4 'The first thing I remember in my life is listening to my father playing the violin.'</p> <p>5 'As children, we all had a lot of fun, and my parents were very loving.'</p> <p>6 'My computer wasn't working correctly, but I called my friend and she told me what to do about it.'</p> | <p>a Laura managed to solve her problem.</p> <p>b James changed his mind.</p> <p>c Rachel has happy memories of when she was a child.</p> <p>d Leo has some painful memories.</p> <p>e Alice is finding it difficult to come to a decision.</p> <p>f Yusuf's earliest memories are to do with music.</p> |
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Exercise 5

Match the statements and questions (1–6) with the replies (a–f).

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| <p>1 I've decided to go to the gym this evening.</p> <p>2 Thank you for your suggestion. I'd like a couple of days to consider it.</p> <p>3 I'm worried that I'll forget my friend's birthday.</p> <p>4 Can you guess what I've got in this bag?</p> <p>5 What is the very first thing that you can remember?</p> <p>6 My memory is terrible – I'm always forgetting to do things.</p> | <p>a I'll call you in the morning and remind you.</p> <p>b If you change your mind, you can come to the movies with us.</p> <p>c I think it's a present for Billy.</p> <p>d I solve that problem by making a list of things I need to do every day.</p> <p>e That's fine. Let me know when you've reached a decision.</p> <p>f My first memory is of my mother cooking.</p> |
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Use the words you've learned...

What is your earliest memory? How good is your memory?
When was the last time you changed your mind?