



10 - VOCABULARY: MEMORIES



- 1 - I'm trying to think of my earliest memory. I **vaguely remember** when my brother was born – I was three years old at the time – but I **distinctly remember** my first day of nursery school, when I was around five.
- 2 - When I look at photos, even more **memories come flooding back**– I remember my school, my classmates, and my teacher, who would **constantly remind** us to clean up the classroom.
- 3 - We were always making a mess. I'd **completely forgotten** the teacher's name, though, and my mother had to **refresh my memory**).
- 4 - I still have a lot of my toys from when I was a kid. They **bring back fond memories** of long afternoons spent playing with my brother.
- 5 - I also remember a family vacation to Switzerland when I was about eight – that was an **unforgettable experience**.
- 6 - My most **traumatic memory** is of my uncle dying in a car crash when I was ten. He was only 32 years old – younger than my dad – and the **memory** of the funeral still **haunts** me.
- 7 - I still wear a bracelet that was a Christmas present from him; it **serves as a sobering reminder** not to take a single day of life for granted.
- 8 - Unfortunately, I have a **terrible memory** for peoples' names, unless the name is unusual or **particularly memorable**. Just the other day, I was talking to an acquaintance from church and **my mind went blank** when I tried to think of her name.
- 9 - I **racked my brain**, but nothing **came to mind**. My husband **gently reminds me** that I really need to pay more attention, because it **makes a bad impression** when I call people by the wrong name.