

Remembering and forgetting

Choose questions from those below to ask each other and test your partner's memory

Do/can you remember...? / Do/ can you recall...?

Your mother's maiden name

Your father's mobile phone number

Your school's postcode

The name of your first primary school teacher

The name of the last hotel you stayed in

When you first took a plane

When you moved into the place where you are living now

What is lying on your desk in your bedroom now

Exactly how many Xmas cards/ New Year cards you got this year

How old you were when you first found out that Father Christmas isn't real

What you ate on Saturday evening

What you spent last time you paid for a meal

When and why you first became interested in your present hobby

How many times you did sport last month

Listen to your teacher and say whether each phrase means that they can't recall anything ("Forgetting") or can bring to mind at least something ("Remembering")

Label the phrases on the next page with F and R, then test each other in pairs.

Sorry, I've forgotten.
I don't have a clue
I have no idea
I knew that once but...
I can't remember exactly but...
It's something like...
Wait a second, it's coming back to me now...
It's on the tip of my tongue. No, it's gone.
It's on the tip of my tongue. Got it!
I'm pretty sure it's...
I'm sure I'll remember later, but...
I think it begins with... but that's all I can remember.
I have no recollection of that at all.
I've drawn a blank.
I can picture it/ him/ her, but...
I tried to memorize that but...
I used to know that by heart but...
I should know this but...
As far as I remember...
The only thing that comes to mind is...
I remember that we studied that at school, but...
I'm sure it's in there somewhere, but...
I really can't recall
It'll come back to me later, I'm sure
You've got me there
No, it's gone
I'm drawing a blank
I don't remember precisely, but...
The way I remember it,...

Test each other with other questions about difficult to remember things, and use the phrases above to answer