

## **Remembering and forgetting- Childhood memories**

*Ask questions to test your partner's memory of their preteen days. Example topics:*

- Teachers (e.g. your first primary school teacher)
- Head teachers
- Your kindergarten's/ primary school's gym/ playground/ classroom/ assembly hall
- Typical kindergarten/ primary school lunches
- The appearance of your kindergarten/ primary school
- How you started the day
- Daily routines (bedtimes etc)
- Uniforms and other clothes
- Clubs
- Friend, e.g. your best friend
- Classmates
- Your family car
- School plays
- Times you were punished (lines, detention etc.)
- Falling out with friends
- Art work
- Accidents
- The first time you saw certain people
- Your babysitters
- Household jobs
- Your home
- Your bedroom
- Posters
- Music
- Family friends
- Things you were good and bad at
- Toys
- Likes and dislikes
- What you wanted to be when you woke up
- Holidays
- TV
- Sweets and other foods

*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 below with F/ 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...
- It'll come back to me 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*