

Remembering and forgetting verbs practice and discussion

New Cutting Edge Intermediate Module 2

Discuss these questions with your partner:

- ◇ What do you do to try and memorize the language you study, for example before a test?
- ◇ Are there any other good ways of making sure you remember things, e.g. the language in Module 1, in the short and long term?

Now choose interesting questions from the list below and ask each other:

Questions about studying English

1. Have you ever learnt an English song by heart?/ Can you remember any English songs that you learnt at school?
2. What's the best way to learn how to use the English phonemic chart?
3. Can you recognise the differences between British and American accents?
4. How much of the English that you learnt at school have you forgotten? What's the best way to remind yourself of that language?
5. Do you think people forget a language totally if they don't use it, or does it stay somewhere in their heads?
6. What's the best thing to do if you can't remember the word you want to use while you are speaking or writing?
7. Do you think this school should remind you about special holidays/ the end of term, or is it okay just to tell you once at the beginning of term?

Other questions about memory

8. What smells/ tastes/ sights/ sounds remind you of when you were a young child?
9. Would you stay with a husband or wife who lost their memory, or would you put them in an old persons' home?
10. How can you recognise your best friend/ boyfriend/ girlfriend in a crowd?
11. Have you ever learnt a poem by heart? Why did you choose that one?
12. Do you always remember your relatives' birthdays, or does someone have to remind you?
13. Has anyone ever told you that you remind them of someone famous/ someone else that they know/ someone else in your family? What are the similarities between you and that person?
14. What thing or things do you most often lose? Where do you usually find it/ them?
15. What do you remember about the pre-school/ playschool/ nursery/ kindergarten that you went to?

Put remember, learn, remind, forget, recognise or lose into the gaps in the correct tense (from memory or your language knowledge):

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What are the differences in meaning, use and grammar between the different verbs?

What general tips do you know for improving your memory (e.g. for names, numbers, faces, things to do, dates)?