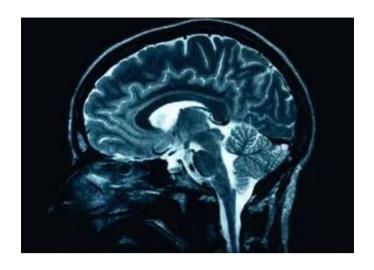
The limits of human memory



LAST TIME: Unusual Questions

TODAY: Human Memory

VOCABULARY: remember, remind

WARMING UP: Let's try a few unusual questions together:

- 1.When did time begin?
- 2.Did we invent math or did we discover it?
- 3. Where does a thought go when it's forgotten?
- 4.Do we have free will or is everything predestined?
- 5.Is there life after death?
- 6. What are dreams?
- 7. What is the goal of humanity?
- 8. Which orange came first the fruit or the color?
- 9. Who decided what's right and wrong?
- 10. What is freedom and does it really exist?
- 11. Which came first the chicken or the egg?
- 12. What age should a person be considered old enough to die of old age?
- 13. How do you know you're not crazy and just hallucinating your whole life?
- 14. To what degree have you been able to control the course that your life has taken?

15.Is the Earth alive?

16.Are soul mates a real thing?

17. What is the purpose and meaning of time?

EXERCISE

Complete the blank in the question;
1 did you do that for?
2 dress do you want to wear, the red one or the blue one?
3 opened the door?
4 keys are these? – I think they're dad's.
5 does this CD player work?
6 is bothering you?
7 is the car?
8 money do you have in your bank account?
9 are the sisters going to leave?
10 is your favorite actress?
11 did the party last? – Almost two hours.
12 did you do in Australia?
13 jacket is this? - I think it's mine.
14 do they normally do their homework?
15 don't you get up earlier? It's so sunny outside.
16 do you do on weekends?
17 is your favorite singer?
18 was the flight? – Oh, it was great.
19 are you from?
20 textbook did you use last summer?
21 do you normally get to school?
22 did you find her? – Yesterday evening. She was in the park
23 does she teach?
24 have you been all the time? – At the playground.

25	can John ask if he wants to go to the university?
26	was the play? – It was great.
27	do you want to eat? Pasta and cheese.
28	did you leave your keys?
29	one do you prefer? – The red one.
30	do you go to the gym?
Exercise 2	

Ask the question about the section in red of the sentence.

- 1. Columbus discovered America in 1492.
- 2. I graduated from school two years ago.
- 3. They were ready. (yes no)
- 4. The mechanic repaired the car last week.
- 5. He is always late because he never sets the alarm clock.
- 6. I watched the film yesterday (yes no)
- 7. Mandy phoned her uncle last Tuesday.
- 8. You can go swimming after lunch. (yes no)
- 9. I am going to wear the yellow dress at the ball.
- 10. Ronaldo is the best football player in the world.
- 11. The library is right across the street.
- 12. The shops open at 9 in the morning.
- 13. We need a nanny because my wife has too much to do.
- 14. Her favorite color is red.
- 15. That book is mine.
- 16. You have 5 minutes to finish the test.
- 17. The university is about 2 km from the house.
- 18. I take Bus 52 to work.
- 19. My flight leaves Rome at 7.39.
- 20. The red shirt costs \$99.
- 21. I have eaten my lunch. (yes no)

- 22. That pen is mine.
- 23. John is talking to my sister.
- 24. The traffic in the city makes me nervous.
- 25. We have to start work at three o'clock

HUMAN MEMORY

EXERCISE 1. Complete the questions below with the correct prepositions.

- 1. What is your happiest childhood memory?
- 2. Do you think you have a good memory?
- 3. Do you remember smells and sounds?
- 4. Do you have a good memory for dates and names?
- 5. Are you good at remembering feelings?
- 6. What are some things that are hard to remember?
- 7. What are some things that are easy to remember?
- 8. What is your first memory of school?
- 9. What is your favorite memory?
- 10. What is something you can never seem to remember?

REMEMBER

She suddenly remembered that her cell phone was in her other bag.

I can remember when his birthday is.
I don't remember signing a contract.

Did you remember to do the shopping?

REMIND

Could you remind Paul about dinner on Sunday?

Please *remind* me to post this letter.

That song always *reminds me of* our holiday in Mexico.

3. Discuss the questions.

- What is the earliest memory you can recall?
- Can you recollect the name of your biology teacher from school?
- Can you recall what the weather was like last Friday?
- Do you remember what you ate for breakfast last weekend?
- Do you remember what day Valentine's day was last year?



6. You're going to watch a video [https://youtu.be/hpTCZ-hO6il]

presenting the story of a person who has superior autobiographical memory. What is it and how does it work?

7. Watch the video again (to 4:10) and answer the questions.

a) What is Marilu Henner famous for?
b) How many people in the world have a superior autobiographical memory (as of 2018)?
c) What is superior autobiographical memory compared to in terms of how it works?
d) How does Marilu describe how her memory works?

8. Discuss the questions below.

- Would you like to have such an impressive memory as Marilu Henner?
- If you had such a good memory, how would you use it? Would it be more interesting to remember all of your personal events or all of the major public events?
- Some of the people who have superior autobiographical memory say that it is a blessing and a curse. What might be the disadvantages of being able to remember every single moment of one's life?
- Do you think that thanks to people who have that ability we might be able to unlock some mysteries we still don't understand about the human brain?

ACTIVITY

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2/Describe your experiment		
3/Your feedback		

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