

COMMUNICATION

Discussing childhood memories

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

EN_B1_1101X

LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can talk about the memories I have of my childhood.
- I can distinguish between the verbs *to remember* and *to remind* when talking about childhood memories.



Warm-up

1. **Read** the questions below.
2. Then **choose two** to ask to a classmate.



When were you born?

In which decade did you go to school?

What was your favourite food as a child?

Who was your best friend as a child?

Times have changed

After chatting online for several days, **Tina (30)** and **Brian (29)** are finally going on their first date together. 1. **Read** the text. 2. **Answer** the question below.

Brian: So, how did you end up becoming a graphic designer? Was it a childhood dream of yours?

Tina: Believe me, I don't want to sound cheesy, but becoming a graphic designer was a dream come true for me. As a child, things weren't always great for us. I come from a pretty poor family. Unlike most of my friends, I never had any cool toys to play with. We just didn't have enough money. I remember feeling so angry at my parents. Although, obviously, it wasn't their fault at all.



1. What are Tina and Brian talking about?

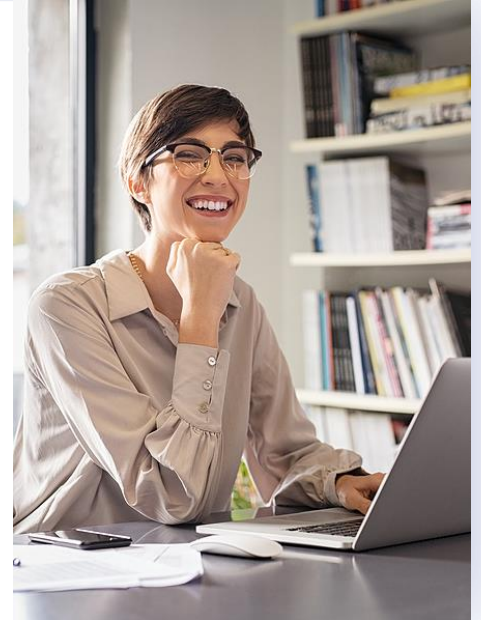
Times have changed

1. **Continue reading** Tina and Brian's conversation. 2. **Answer** the questions below.

Tina: For my 10th birthday, my dad bought me a sketchbook and some pencils. I started off drawing pictures of our house and garden and had a talent for it. I loved being creative. It was an escape from reality for me. But I don't want to dwell on the past too much. Times have changed! Look at me now – now I get to draw for a living and people are willing to pay for it!

Brian: Honestly, that's amazing. You should be proud of yourself! Now I feel kind of boring, though.

Tina: Thank you! I'm just glad that I've always stayed true to myself, no matter what.



2. Do you think Brian's opinion of his job is similar to Tina's? Why or why not?
3. Does Tina seem sure about her career choices or not? How do you know?



Match the phrases with their definition

a dream come true

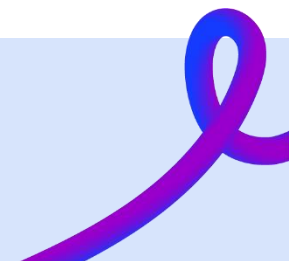
to dwell on the past

times have changed

to stay true to yourself

to end up somewhere

- a** to finally be in a particular place or position
- b** a situation is different now from how it was in the past
- c** something you've wanted for a long time that has now happened
- d** to think too much about a past event
- e** to do what you think is right without thinking about others





Vocabulary

childhood



What was a childhood dream of yours?

to grow (up)



What's the difference between *to grow* and *to grow up*?

a grown-up



What's another word for a *grown-up*?



You should be **proud of yourself!**



Are you proud of what you've achieved in life so far?



To remember vs. to remind



I **remember** feeling so angry at my parents.



Drawing **reminds** me of my childhood.

- _____ + the **-ing** form of a verb means to have a **memory** of something we did or of something that happened in the past.
- (It) _____ me **of**... = (it) makes me think of... (someone or something from the past).



Remember or remind?

Fill in the gaps with the correct verb.

- 1 I _____ meeting her in London. That was probably more than 10 years ago!
- 2 That song always _____ me of my childhood.
- 3 You really _____ me of my father, somehow.
- 4 I don't _____ getting an email from her. Let me check again.
- 5 I don't _____ watching that TV episode last night. I guess I was really tired.



Talking about memories

Build sentences using the words in each box. Include either *remember* or *remind* in your sentence.

1 I – go – on vacation – to Greece – as a child



2 This book – my childhood



3 You – my sister – for some reason

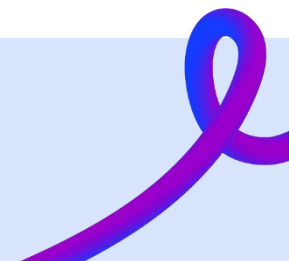


4 As a child – I – feel angry at – my brother – all the time



5 This picture – a time in my life – when I was really happy







Discuss

Answer the questions in breakout rooms or together as a class.

Is there any song or TV series that reminds you of your childhood?



What do you remember doing a lot of as a child?



Discuss

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
**Times change
and we change with time.**

**What does this
statement mean?**

**Are you welcoming
of change or
scared of it?**

**How have you
changed over
time?**





End of the lesson

Idiom

Better late than never.

Meaning: It's better for someone or something to be late than not to arrive or happen at all.



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences using the words in the red box.

- 1 One thing I've learned is that you should always _____ true to yourself, no matter what.
- 2 My son told me yesterday: When I _____, I want to be a nurse.
- 3 I don't want to _____ the past too much.
- 4 I don't want to _____ doing a job that I don't even like.
- 5 I really like thinking about the things I did in my _____.

childhood
grow up
dwell on
remain
end up



Complete the sentences

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of *remember* or *remind*.

- 1 I _____ feeling very upset when my parents broke up.
- 2 This singer really _____ me of my childhood. I was obsessed with her as a kid!
- 3 When I met her for the first time, I _____ thinking *Wow! She's beautiful!*
- 4 As a child, I _____ dreaming of becoming a rockstar.
- 5 My daughter often _____ me of what's important in life.



Create sentences

Form sentences using the correct form of *remember* or *remind*.

1 remember – feel – happy – when



2 remind – my childhood



3 remember – be in love



4 remind – what matters in life



5 remember – be – excited – for birthday – as a child







Discuss

Answer the following questions.



Do you still have dreams, even as a grown-up?

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Do you think mistakes help us grow as a person?

Name one thing about yourself that has changed since you were a child, and one thing that is still the same.



Discuss

By staying true to yourself, you will disappoint a lot of people.

**What do you think this statement means?
Do you agree?**





Answer key

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1. They are talking about how Tina became a graphic designer

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2. No, he says he feels kind of boring

3. No, she says she's always stayed true to herself

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1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (e) 5. (a)

P.9

remember, reminds

P.10

1. remember 2. reminds 3. remind 4. remember 5. remember



Answer key

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1. I remember going on vacation to Greece as a child.
2. This book reminds me of my childhood.
3. You remind me of my sister, for some reason.
4. As a child, I remember feeling angry at my brother all the time.
5. This picture reminds me of a time in my life where I was really happy.

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1. remain
2. grow up
3. dwell on
4. end up
5. childhood

P.18

1. remember
2. reminds
3. remember
4. remember
5. reminds



Summary

To remember vs. to remind:

- Remember + verb + *ing* = *to have a memory of something we did* or *of something that happened in the past*.
- Remind someone of someone / something: makes you think of a certain person or thing

Real-life language:

- You should be proud of yourself!

Phrases:

- a dream come true, to dwell on the past, times have changed, to stay true to yourself, to end up somewhere

Vocabulary:

- Memory, childhood, grown-up, to grow up



Vocabulary

memory

childhood

to grow up

grown-up

dream come true

to dwell on the past

times have changed

to stay true to yourself

to end up somewhere

to remind (of)

You should be proud of yourself!

to remember doing something



Notes

