HOW MEMORIES ARE MADE

Reading Discussion Questions & Possible Answers | World English 3

For students: Use these answers as ideas, not sentences you must memorize. You can agree, disagree, and give your own examples.

1. Do you think having a good memory is more important than being intelligent? Why?

Possible answers:

- I think both are important, but intelligence is more important because it helps us solve problems.
- A good memory is very useful, especially when we're studying or learning a new language.
- I don't think one is more important than the other. They work together.

2. Why do you think some people can remember hundreds of names, faces, or numbers?

Possible answers:

- Maybe they have a natural talent for remembering things.
- They might practice memory techniques regularly.
- They may connect information with pictures or familiar places to remember it more easily.

3. Do you think memory competitions are useful in real life? Why or why not?

Possible answers:

- Yes, because they teach people how to improve their memory.
- They can help people concentrate and remember information faster.
- Not always. Remembering hundreds of numbers isn't necessarily useful in everyday life.

4. Have you ever forgotten something important, even though you tried hard to remember it? What happened?

Possible answers:

- Yes, I once forgot an important appointment because I was very busy.
- I sometimes forget people's names, especially when I meet many new people.
- Yes, I studied for an exam, but I couldn't remember some answers during the test.

5. Do you think people today have weaker memories because they depend too much on smartphones and technology?

Possible answers:

- Yes, because we save everything on our phones instead of trying to remember it.
- Maybe. We don't need to memorize phone numbers or directions anymore.
- I don't think technology makes our memory weaker. It just helps us remember information in a different way.

6. Which is easier for you to remember: pictures, names, numbers, or stories? Why?

Possible answers:

- Pictures are easier for me because I have a visual memory.
- I remember stories better because they have a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- Names are difficult for me, especially when I meet someone for the first time.
- I remember numbers more easily when I connect them with important dates.

7. The Memory Journey method uses familiar places and unusual images. Why do you think strange or funny images are easier to remember?

Possible answers:

- Because unusual things attract our attention.
- Funny images are more interesting, so they stay in our minds longer.
- They help us connect new information with something we already know.

8. Imagine you had to memorize 20 new English words in one day. Which method would you use?

Possible answers:

- I would make flashcards and review the words several times.
- I would make sentences with the new words.
- I would use pictures to connect each word with its meaning.
- I would group similar words together to remember them more easily.

9. Do you think people with excellent memories are naturally talented, or can everyone develop a strong memory with practice?

Possible answers:

- I think some people have a natural talent, but everyone can improve their memory.
- Practice is very important. The more you train your brain, the better you become.
- I think both natural ability and regular practice are important.

10. If you could remember everything you experienced in your life, would you want to? Why or why not?

Possible answers:

- Yes, because I wouldn't forget my happy memories or important moments.
- No, because some memories are painful, and I don't want to remember everything.
- Maybe. It would be useful, but remembering every little detail could be exhausting.

Useful follow-up questions: Why do you think so? • Can you give me an example? • Has anyone had a similar experience? • Does anyone have a different opinion?