

Vocabulary

Memory

1 Complete the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word or phrase from the box.

bring back memorable photographic forgetful memorise remind long-term unforgettable

As you get older, you tend not to remember things that happened last week but your (1) _____ memory seems to get stronger; perhaps this is why older people get nostalgic about their childhood.

Songs from the past tend to (2) _____ memories of the time they were originally played. I still remember my mum dancing round the kitchen to Wham! when I was very young.

A (3) _____ event in history is when the Berlin Wall came down; it was very moving to see families who hadn't seen each other for years reunited.

Having a (4) _____ memory would certainly help performance in exams.

Dad is incredibly (5) _____. He has to do things to help him to remember. For example, if he has four things to do that day, he ties four knots in his handkerchief.

Please (6) _____ me to post this letter today – it's a gas bill and if we don't pay it soon, we'll be cut off.

There are lots of different ways to (7) _____ vocabulary; you could try putting words into a mind map or writing them in sentences.

On 31 December, 1999, the sky lit up with spectacular fireworks all across the world as the clock chimed midnight; it was an (8) _____ New Year's Eve.

Arts and culture

2 Complete the words in the table. Some letters have been given.

Books	Theatre	Art	Music
1 n _ e _ l _ i _ s _ t	7 b _ l _ l _ t	13 s _ u _ p _ _ _ e	19 l _ y _ _ _ s
2 p _ p _ _ b _ _ k	8 s _ a _ e	14 s _ u _ _ o	20 j _ _ z
3 b _ _ g _ _ p _ y	9 p _ r _ _ r _ _ _ e	15 e _ h _ b _ _ _ _ n	21 h _ _ - _ _ p
4 b _ _ t - s _ _ _ _ r	10 c _ s _ t	16 g a _ _ _ _ y	22 o _ c h _ _ _ _ a
5 p _ _ m	11 p _ _ _ w _ _ g _ t	17 p _ r _ t _ a _ t	23 c l _ _ _ _ c _ l
6 n _ v _ l	12 b _ l _ l _ _ _ a	18 a b _ _ _ _ _	24 c _ m p _ _ _ r

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from exercise 2.

- Shakespeare is the greatest p _____ England has ever had.
- Fran King does most of her paintings in a small s _____ in her house.
- These days a lot of footballers and other celebrities write their b _____ when they are still very young.
- We have a big p _____ of my great-grandmother on the wall in the dining room.
- The new s _____ in the park is called 'Modern man' but to me it just looks like two big stones.
- The whole c _____ of the play came on stage at the end and received thunderous applause.
- Kim's son, Alex, plays the flute and joined the school o _____ last month.

Word formation

- 4 For questions 1–9 read the sentences below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits into the gap.

1 They can improve the quality of the music in the studio these days.	ELECTRONIC
2 Teachers can the names of the children in a new class very quickly.	MEMORY
3 The children were playing in the sand and the sun was shining.	HAPPY
4 Jaquie has a memory and can remember the most remarkable things.	PHOTOGRAPH
5 His early films are quite but the more recent ones are really quite good.	FORGET
6 King's new novel is top of the list at the moment.	SELL
7 Travelling with large instruments can sometimes be a problem for	MUSIC
8 My mum always likes to listen to music when she's stressed out.	CLASSIC
9 Kenneth Brannagh's in the Swedish detective series was superb.	PERFORM

Character adjectives

- 5 Match the sentence beginnings 1–8 to the sentence endings a–h.

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| 1 My mum brought me up to be modest and not | a to defend yourself from attack. |
| 2 Sarah was so moody all weekend, it was impossible for Simon | b to protect us from anybody; if someone broke into the house, she'd probably just lick them. |
| 3 Laura's far too vain | c to enjoy himself. |
| 4 Some rebellious teenagers do the opposite | d to interrupt someone when they're talking. |
| 5 It's not polite | e to what their parents and teachers tell them. |
| 6 In some parts of the world, it is respectful | f to go out of the house without make-up. |
| 7 My dog's far too placid | g to think I was better than anybody else. |
| 8 Sometimes it's necessary to be aggressive | h to remove your shoes before entering someone's house. |

- 6 Think about which of these adjectives you would use to describe yourself. Give reasons for your answer.

Language focus

The passive

- 1 Read the text and number each sentence in the correct order. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the active or passive using the words in brackets. The first one has been done for you.

- 1 A Stephen Wiltshire is (be) an artist with an amazing talent. He can draw very detailed, accurate representations of cityscapes after having only seen them briefly.
- ☐ B At the age of five Stephen _____ (send) to Queensmill School in London, where it _____ (notice) that he loved drawing.
- ☐ C In January 2006, it _____ (announce) that Stephen _____ (name) by Queen Elizabeth II as a Member of the Order of British Empire, in recognition of his services to the art world.

- ☐ **D** Later that year he _____ (open) his permanent gallery in London.
- ☐ **E** In one documentary, *Fragments of Genius*, he _____ (film) flying over London aboard a helicopter, and subsequently _____ (complete) a detailed and perfectly scaled aerial illustration of a four-square-mile area within three hours. His drawing _____ (include) 12 historic landmarks and 200 other structures.
- ☐ **F** The teachers at Queensmill School _____ (encourage) Stephen to speak by not allowing him his art materials. Stephen eventually _____ (say) his first word – 'paper.'
- ☐ **G** Stephen's work has, since his school days, _____ (be) the subject of many international TV programmes and _____ (feature) in many books.
- ☐ **H** Stephen _____ (born) in London on 24 April, 1974.
- ☐ **I** As a young child he _____ (not speak) at all and _____ (not interact) with other people. Aged three, he _____ (diagnose) as autistic.

Passive of reporting verbs

2 For sentences 1–6 complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1** Doctors recommend keeping your brain active by doing word puzzles.
Doing word puzzles _____.
- 2** Some historians think that the ancient Egyptians came up with an initial design for an aircraft; small models which look like planes have been discovered in the Pyramids.
It _____.
- 3** Richard's teachers expect him to take his exams a year earlier than the other students.
Richard _____.
- 4** Some people believe that mysterious circles made in fields were created by UFOs.
It _____.
- 5** Superstitious people say that if you dream something on Friday and tell your dream to someone on Saturday, your dream will come true!
It _____.
- 6** Some social historians feel that the stress of our daily lives is bad for our health.
The stress of our daily lives _____.

3 Complete the gaps with an appropriate active or passive form of the verb in brackets.

Charles Darwin once **(1)** made (make) the provocative claim that chimps were our closest living relative. It **(2)** _____ (know) that humans and chimpanzees share some physical qualities – we both have long arms and tailless bodies. The similarity between our temperaments and habits has also **(3)** _____ (document). It seems, however, that Darwin **(4)** _____ (not go) far enough in his comparisons between mankind and chimps. It **(5)** _____ (discover) that the human genome is actually 96 per cent similar to that of a chimpanzee. In addition to this, a recent study **(6)** _____ (suggest) that far from being mentally inferior to us, chimps can actually **(7)** _____ (outperform) us in memory tests.