



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 22
Memory

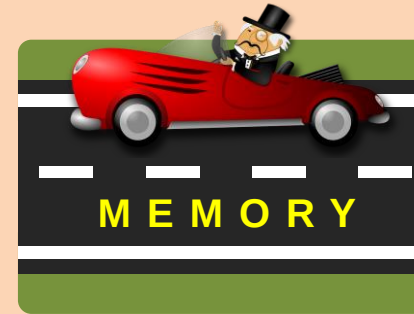
Lead-in

Fill in the blanks by rearranging the letters.



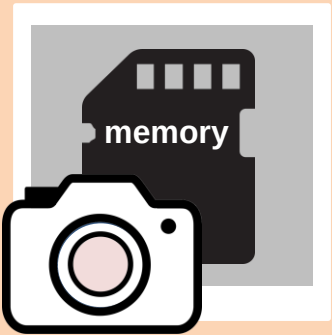
on the tip of one's _____

U G T E O N



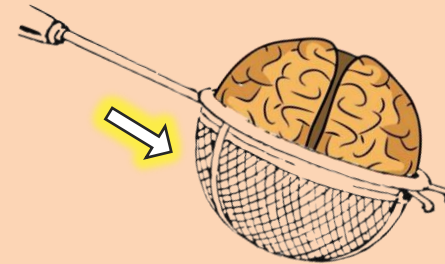
take a trip down
memory _____

E L N A



a _____ graphic memory

O H P O T



a memory like a _____

I V E S E

1. What was her name again?
It's **on the tip of my tongue**.

Q When do we use the idiom?



when a person is nearly but not quite able to recall something



when someone forgets something completely

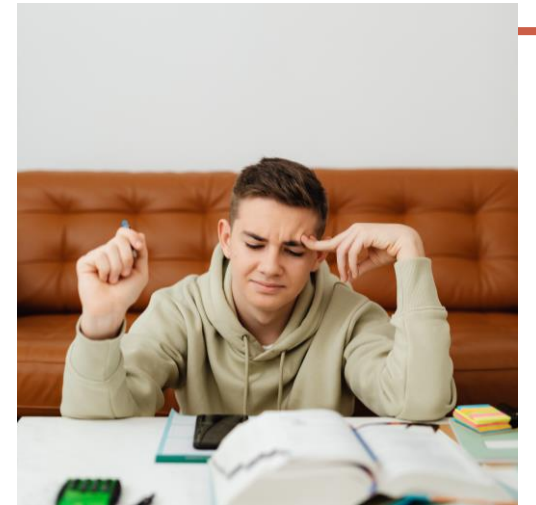


2. I couldn't recall anything from yesterday's lesson. I have **a memory like a sieve**.

Q Why do you think some people have a memory like a sieve?

Did you know?

The idiom refers to how easily materials pass through a sieve. Because a sieve cannot hold much material, having a sieve memory means being unable to retain much useful information.



3. Kara is capable of recalling everything her boss says. She has a **photographic memory**.

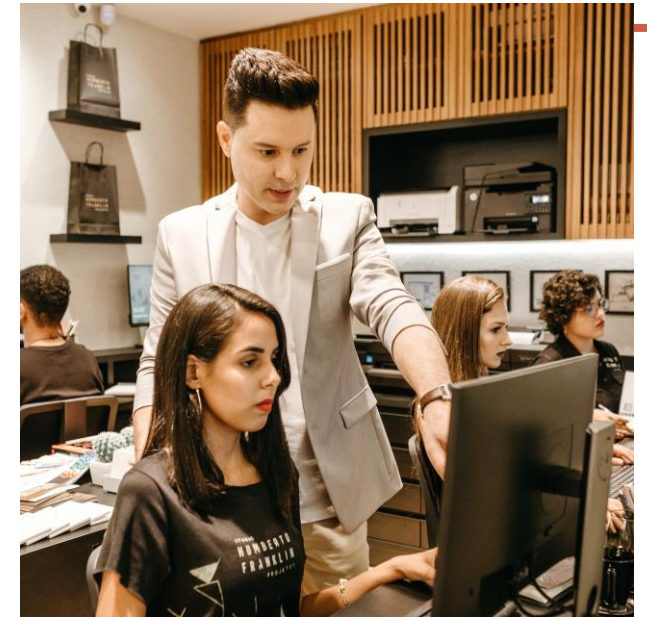
Q What does the idiom mean?



It is the ability to recall something in detail with great accuracy.



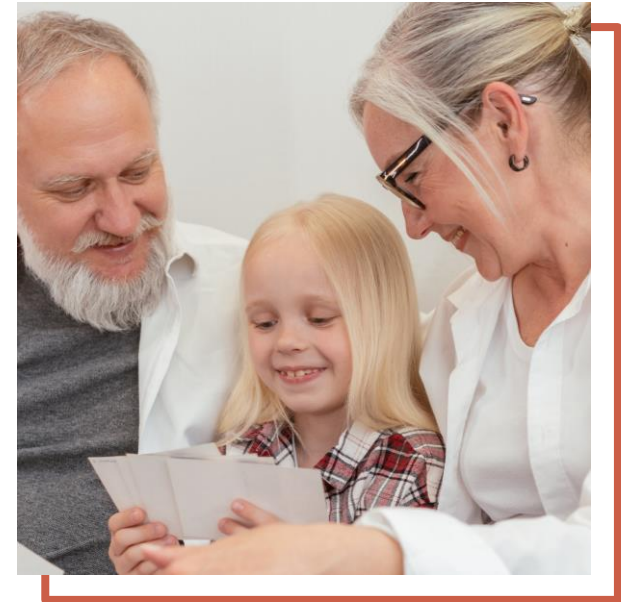
It is the ability to recall recent events but not those that occurred a long time ago.



4. Elders usually **take a trip down memory lane** and tell their grandchildren stories from their youth.

Q Which is **true** about the statement?

- Before going to bed, grandparents usually read stories to their grandchildren.
- Elders frequently recall and share happy memories with their grandchildren.



Quick Review

**on the tip of
one's tongue**

a sign that someone is almost but not quite recalling a specific word or name

**a memory
like a sieve**

to have a very bad memory



**a photographic
memory**

the ability to recall something in detail with great accuracy

**take a trip down
memory lane**

to reminisce over memories of past events, especially happy ones

Practice

Write "T" if the statement is true and "F" if it is false.
If it is false, give the correct sentence.

1. If you have a bad memory, you say it's on the tip of your tongue.

2. If you're trying to remember something but can't, you take a trip down memory lane.

3. If you can remember something in detail and with great accuracy, you have a memory like a sieve.

4. If you try to recall past events, especially happy ones, you are taking a trip down memory lane.

Practice

Combine the phrases and idioms to make correct sentences.

1 The name of that thing = on the tip of my tongue

2 He barely remembers anything = a memory like a sieve

3 Being a student = a photographic memory

4 I always enjoy when = take a trip down memory lane

Discussion

Answer the questions in each stopover.

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane

