



I'm against...  
In my opinion...  
It depends.

I'm for...  
As far as I'm concerned...

Selective memory is choosing the way we remember things.  
It is not necessarily remembering the way things actually were.  
Explain to a partner your answers in *Listening Between the Lines*  
on page 92.

I don't feel strongly about...

What about you?

## Vocabulary

### Memory

Say each word or phrase. Study the definitions.

**recall:** To recall something is to remember it.

The old man sat on his porch, **recalling** better days.

**absent-minded:** Absent-minded people are forgetful about ordinary things, often because they are thinking about important questions.

The director is **absent-minded**. She can never remember where she put her keys.

**by heart:** To learn something by heart is to memorize it.

Eva is a good speller because she learned to spell a lot of words **by heart** in elementary school.

**on the tip of your tongue:** Something is on the tip of your tongue if you can almost but not quite remember it.

What's that woman's name? It's **on the tip of my tongue**.

**my mind went blank:** When your mind goes blank, you forget something for a short period of time.

I was so nervous at the interview that when the manager asked me my phone number, **my mind went blank**, and I couldn't answer.

**by association:** To learn something by association is to connect it in your mind with something easy to remember.

I always learn names **by association**. For example, I can remember Mr. Whiting's name because he has white hair.

**memorable:** Something that is memorable makes a strong impression on you.

The movie *The Sound of Music* has a lot of **memorable** songs.

**a souvenir:** A souvenir is an object associated with a certain place or experience. It helps to keep the memory alive.

When we spent our summer at the beach, we brought back some seashells as **souvenirs**.

## Vocabulary Practice

Complete the letter. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary item. Use each word or phrase only once.



Dear Ted,

Things are going fine here in Paris. I was having trouble learning all the French names for the products, but some of my co-workers sat down and helped me, and now I know them \_\_\_\_\_. I needed to do something because \_\_\_\_\_ when I was with a client the other day, and I almost lost a sale.

I really like all my co-workers. The boss is a nice guy, too, but I'm not sure he really knows who I am. He's so \_\_\_\_\_ that he probably doesn't remember that I'm the product manager from Ithaca.

You remember how much trouble I have with people's names? Well, the other day when I got to work, I ran into Bill Blake. Remember him—blond hair, very tall and athletic? He used to work in the New York office. He's been transferred to Paris too, but I didn't know that. I was about to say hi, but then I couldn't remember his name. It was \_\_\_\_\_, but I just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Later in the day I decided I had to do something about not being able to remember names, so I sat down and figured out how I could remember them \_\_\_\_\_. In Bill's case, I associated "Bill" and "Blake" with "blond." Pretty neat, eh?

Last weekend my roommate and I took a trip to Nice. We drove along the Riviera. Beautiful place. It was really a \_\_\_\_\_ trip. I want to go back in the summer when it's warm enough to swim.

Not much else is new. When I come back home for the holidays, I'll bring you some \_\_\_\_\_ from Paris. Write soon.

Regards,  
Ginger