

REMINDERS

The pain in my shoulder is **constant reminder** of my car accident.

When I see my young cousins playing, it **reminds me** of the game that I used to play.

The smell of a cake in the oven **reminds me** of when I used to make cakes with my grandmother.

USEFUL LEXIS

When I was young... / When I was little...

Years ago...

Back in 1992... / Back then...

In the past...

In those days....

Early Memories

THINGS YOU REMEMBER

I **remember** when I hit my brother with a spoon.

I **distinctly remember** being chased by a big white dog.

I **vividly remember** the games that I used to play with my friends.

I **clearly remember** my favourite doll.

THINGS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN

I've **completely forgotten** what the girl's name was.

I **completely forgot** my teacher's name.

The girl's name **has slipped my mind**.

I **can't remember** the words of the song.

My mind's gone blank.

TYPES OF MEMORY

I have an **excellent long term memory**.

I have a **bad short term memory**. I'm always forgetting names.

I have a **good memory** so I remember lots of things from my childhood.

I have a **bad memory** so it's difficult to make for an exam.

One **early memory** that I have is walking in the park with my dad.

I had a really beautiful girlfriend but she dumped me. I suppose it's a **bleakest memory**.

I have **fond memories** of playing snooker with my aunt.

GRAMMAR: USED TO + VERB

I **used to be** shy.

I **always used to play** with dolls.

I **never used to get** much pocket money.

People **didn't use to have** playstations.

Did you use to have many friends?

What games did you and your friends use to play?