ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Memory Vocabulary Quiz: Idioms for Remembering and Forgetting

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Explanations

1. My uncle is so ___ that he once left his car at the supermarket and walked home.
✔ **B) forgetful**
Forgetful means you often forget things. Forgettable is for things that are easy to forget, like a boring film.

2. Dad forgets what you tell him five minutes later. He has a memory like a ___.
✔ **A) sieve**
A memory like a sieve: facts go in and fall straight out again, like water through a kitchen sieve.

3. Rosa read the poem once and could repeat every line. She has a ___ memory.
✔ **D) photographic**
A photographic memory: you can "see" a page again in your head later. Photographic is the adjective.

4. I never forget a face, but I've got a terrible memory ___ names.
✔ **C) for**
A good or bad memory for faces, names or numbers: use for.

5. Sorry I missed the meeting. It ___ my mind, and I didn't set a ___.
✔ **A) slipped … reminder**
It slipped my mind: you meant to do it, then forgot. A reminder is a note, message or alarm that stops you forgetting.

6. On stage, I looked at all those people and my mind went ___.
✔ **B) blank**
Your mind goes blank: suddenly you can't think of anything. Spanish speakers often say white (quedarse en blanco), but English says blank.

7. I ___ remember the hotel. It was near a station, but I can't tell you its name.
✔ **C) vaguely**
Vaguely remember: you remember a little, but not clearly. You need the adverb before the verb.

8. "Who sang this song?" "I know this. It'll come ___ to me in a minute."
✔ **D) back**
It'll come back to me: you can't remember now, but you will soon.

9. "Do you know a man called Ken Price?" "Hmm, the name ___, but I don't know where from."
✔ **A) rings a bell**
Ring a bell: a name or word sounds a little familiar. The words are fixed: a bell.

10. The police showed her some photos of the street to ___ her memory.
✔ **C) jog**
Jog somebody's memory: a photo or a word helps them remember.

11. Before the exam, look through your notes once more to ___ your memory.
✔ **B) refresh**
Refresh your memory: you look at something again so the facts are fresh in your head.

12. The film wasn't great, but the ending was ___: everyone was talking about it the next day.
✔ **A) memorable**
Memorable means special or unusual, so people remember it easily. A memorial is a statue or a stone for people who died.

13. As children, we had to learn long poems ___.
✔ **D) by heart**
Learn something by heart: you can say every word without looking. No the, no our.

14. That song always ___ memories of my first summer job.
✔ **B) brings back**
Bring back memories: a song, a smell or a place makes you think of your past.

15. The concert was ___: I'll remember it all my life. We often think ___ to that night.
✔ **C) unforgettable … back**
Unforgettable is stronger than memorable. Think back to a time: you try to remember it on purpose.