

Photographic memory

Vocabulary

1. **Photographic memory** - The ability to recall images with vividness bordering on actual visual perception.
Sample sentence: My sister has a photographic memory.
2. **Myth** - Any invented story, idea, or concept.
Sample sentence: His account of the event is pure myth.
3. **Clever** - Mentally bright; having sharp or quick intelligence.
Sample sentence: He had the clever idea of turning his personal problem into research.
4. **Recognize** - To identify as something or someone previously seen, known, etc.
Sample sentence: He had change so much that no one could recognize him.
5. **Instantly** - Immediately, as soon as, directly.
Sample sentence: I recognized her instantly she entered the room.

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Let's read

Photographic memory is still a myth for most scientists. They believe that clever people train their brain to be able to remember well. As humans, we simply do not remember things as good as other organisms do. Of the three beings known to be able to recognize themselves in the mirror, the orangutan, dolphin and the human. Only human turns around and instantly cannot remember what its own face looks like. Try drawing a picture of yourself without looking in the mirror.

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Discussion A

What are your best memories from elementary school?

What is an important date for you to remember?

Discussion B

Do certain photographs bring back memories? Is there a special picture that reminds you of a good memory?

If you could edit your memories, which ones would you erase and why? Which ones would you make clearer and more vivid?