Lesson 12. It Slipped My Mind

▶ All about remembering and forgetting

▶ Multiple choice quiz

1 Language points

1) to remind someone of something – to ring a bell – to jog someone's memory

2) to know / learn by heart – to memorize

3) to be etched / burned into one's memory

4) to bear / keep in mind

5) memory lane – nostalgia – to reminisce

6) to slip one's mind – to draw a blank

7) to be on the tip of one's tongue

8) to rack one's brain

9) to lose one's train of thought

① to remind someone of something – to ring a bell – to jog someone's memory

- the subject is something that assists memory

▶ Class, let me remind you that tardiness is not tolerated!

▶ Does the name Yu-Jin ring a bell? She was your student last year.

▶ I couldn't really remember that summer at the beach because I was so young, but the photos really jogged my memory.

② to know / learn by heart– to memorize

- not the same as remember!
- this means every word or detail

▶ As kids, we had to learn the national anthem by heart or our teacher would punish us.

▶ It's amazing how those stage actors can memorize so many lines.

③ **to be etched / burned into one's memory**

- to remember something perfectly
- etched: neutral / burned: negative

▶ My wedding day is etched in my memory. It was the best day of my life!

▶ The car accident that broke both of his legs is forever burned into his memory. He still has nightmares about it even 20 years later.

④ **bear / keep in mind**

- more like 'don't forget' in the future, or consider something
- not used for the past typically

▶ Bear in mind you not only have two exams next week, but you still have an essay due.

▶ Make sure you keep in mind the schedule for February is a little bit unusual because of 설날.

⑤ **memory lane - nostalgia – to reminisce**

- positive/sentimental memories

▶ I saw my best friend from high school for the first time in 20 years and we spent all afternoon going down memory lane.

▶ I had such a good childhood. When my adult life is stressful, it's easy to reminisce about the old days.

▶ For many Americans, there's a lot of nostalgia around sports. My dad talks about how great baseball was back in the 60s.

⑥ **to slip one's mind – to draw a blank**

- to forget a detail or specific piece of info

▶ I'm so sorry I forgot about the meeting! I was so busy that it completely slipped my mind!

▶ The receptionist asked for my phone number, but I completely drew a blank.

⑦ **to be on the tip of one's tongue**

- just barely can't remember!

▶ Ahhh what was her name? ? It starts with a J. It's right on the tip of my tongue. Ji···.Ju···.Ja···. Jae-Yeon! That's it!

▶ That poor Jeopardy contestant. He had the answer right on the tip of his tongue but just couldn't remember.

⑧ **to rack one's brain**

● try really hard to remember

▶ Ben is racking his brain trying to remember where he put his keys. It's driving him crazy.

▶ I was racking my brain to remember her name, but eventually I had to just ask her and it was a bit embarrassing.

⑨ **to lose one's train of thought**

● to forget what you were saying in the middle of a conversation

▶ I had some technical problems during my presentation and it made me lose my train of thought. Luckily an audience member helped me out.

▶ Wait, what was I saying? I lost my train of thought.

2 Apply to the book

▶ **Pages 64-65 Reading and Discussion**

Have you ever landed yourself in an embarrassing situation on account of your forgetfulness?

▶ **Sample answers**

Unfortunately yes. My girlfriend's birthday *slipped* my *mind* last month, so I really got in trouble. Last weekend at a party, I was *racking* my *brain* trying to remember my friend's wife's name, then when she came and said hello to me, it was right *on the tip of my tongue*, but I forgot.

▶ **Pages 66, Activity 1**

Can you recollect Korea's World Cup matches from 2002?

▶ **Sample answers**

Of course! I can remember it like it was yesterday. Koreans are very *nostalgic* about it. Korea's overtime wins against Italy and Spain are *etched in* my *memory*. The whole country went crazy! But June 25, 2002 will forever be *burned into* my *memory*. Germany scored that one goal and everyone was devastated. We still like *to reminisce* though.

▶ **Pages 67-68, Discussion**

#1- Do you ever experience absentmindedness? Have you ever found yourself in a difficult situation due to your absentmindedness?

▶ **Sample answers**

Since I've gotten older, I notice I *lose* my *train of thought* in the middle of conversations and *draw blanks* when remembering names. My wife helps me *jog* my *memory* a lot though. She's got a memory like an elephant. She still *knows* the lines from her high school play *by heart*!

3 Review quiz

#1.

I spent so much time _____ English vocabulary in college, but nowadays most of it _____. It's so frustrating when words are _____ in a conversation.

A. on the tip of my tongue B. reminisce C. slips my mind D. rack my brains
E. memorizing F. learn by heart

E, C, A

#2.

That name really _____ but I've had so many students over the years. Only a few names and faces are _____. I sometimes _____ trying to remember names when I see an old student in the hall.

A. jogging my memory B. rings a bell C. lose my train of thought
D. etched in my memory E. rack my brain F. slip my mind

B, D, E

#3.

Class, please _____ that vocabulary will be on the exam, so make sure you _____ the list _____. Hey! Close that door please!..... Ah, what was I saying? I _____ again.

A. slipped my mind B. memorizing C. bear in mind D. learn…by heart
E. lost my train of thought F. drew a blank

C, D, D, E