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1. Are you good at memorising things?
2. Have you ever forgotten something important?
3. Why do people often forget things?
4. How can you make sure you don't forget things?
5. Why do people use mobile phones to remember things?

**Please Note:**

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



**I have a memory like a sieve** = I forget everything

**sadly** = unfortunately

**a photographic memory** = the ability to remember things in great detail, like a photograph

**it takes me a while** = it takes me a long time

**to learn something by heart** = to memorise



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## 1. Are you good at memorising things?

Not really... **I have a memory like a sieve. Sadly, I don't have a photographic memory, so it takes me a while to learn something by heart.**



**mortified** = very embarrassed

**snowed under with** = very busy

**it completely slipped my mind (to slip your mind)** = I forgot it

## 2. Have you ever forgotten something important?

Oh my goodness, yes. A few weeks ago, I forgot my best friend's birthday. I was **mortified** when I realised a few days later. I'm just so **snowed under with** work at the moment that **it completely slipped my mind**.



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**a multitude of** = lots of

**major** = main

**we are juggling** = we are doing

**private lives** = personal life (outside of work)

**to recall** = to remember

### 3. Why do people often forget things?

**A multitude of** reasons, but I guess the **major** reason nowadays is that **we are juggling** so many things in our work/study and **private lives** that it's impossible to remember or **recall** everything.



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**to tend to + infinitive** = usually

**to make a note of something** = to write something down

**to set reminders** = to set alarms

**and suchlike** = and other similar things

#### 4. How can you make sure you don't forget things?

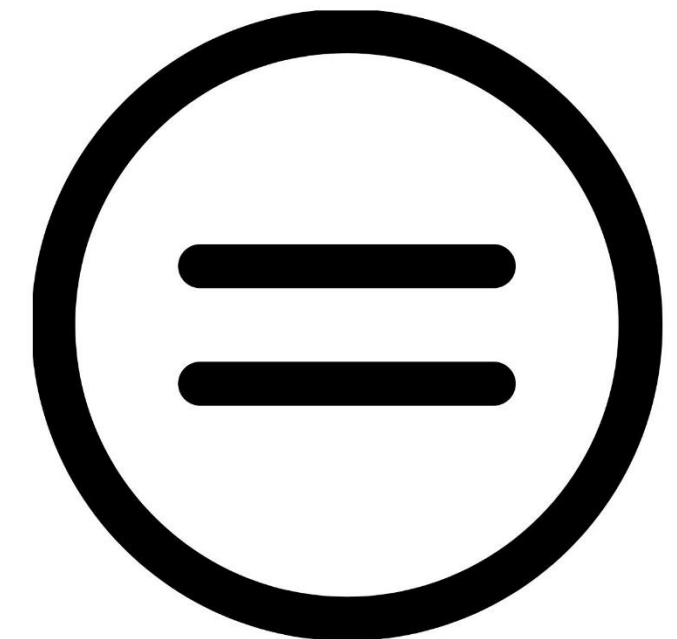
What works best for me is writing things down. **I**

**tend to** remember things better when **I have made a note of them**. I also **set reminders** or alarms for things like appointments, deadlines **and suchlike**.



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**to remind** = a written or spoken message that tells someone to do something

**24/7** = all the time

**handy** = useful

## 5. Why do people use mobile phones to remember things?

Mobile phones are incredibly useful because you can set alarms in your phone **to remind** you to do things. People tend to have their phones with them **24/7** so they're like a personal assistant – they're really **handy**.



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