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#### Level 4

# Certain smells take you back to your childhood 28th December, 2017

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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#### THE READING

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Scientists have found why smells bring back distant memories. An area of the brain assigns memories to smells and stores them for decades. The area can recall memories very clearly years later. A professor said smells are stored in the olfactory brain. This part of the brain is dedicated to our sense of smell. It can temporarily store olfactory memories. The professor wanted to know if the brain can store long-term memories as well.

There are many smells that take us back to our childhood. Smells from cookies in the oven or perfume can bring back memories of growing up. Some smells can take you to another point in time. They can make you wish you were back in the past, or make you want to escape. Smells can even encourage you to buy things in stores. Many stores spray fragrances in stores to make people buy things they loved years ago.

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#### PHRASE MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. bring back distant
- 2. stores them
- 3. recall memories very
- 4. This part of the
- 5. dedicated to
- 6. It can temporarily store
- 7. The professor wanted
- 8. store long-

- a. olfactory memories
- b. memories
- c. term memories as well
- d. clearly years later
- e. to know
- f. brain
- g. our sense of smell
- h. for decades

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

- 1. smells that take us back
- 2. Smells from cookies
- 3. bring back memories
- 4. take you to another
- 5. make you wish you were back
- 6. Smells can even encourage
- 7. spray
- 8. buy things they

- a. in the past
- b. fragrances
- c. in the oven
- d. loved years ago
- e. of growing up
- f. point in time
- g. to our childhood
- h. you to buy things

# **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

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for decades. The area can recall memories (3) years
later. A professor said smells (4) the olfactory brain.
This part of the brain is dedicated to our (5) It can
temporarily store olfactory memories. The professor wanted to know if the
brain can (6) memories as well.
There are many smells that (7) to our childhood.
Smells from (8) oven or perfume can bring back
memories of growing up. Some smells can take you to
(9) time. They can make you wish you were back in
the past, or make you (10) Smells can even
encourage you to buy things in stores. Many stores
(11) in stores to make people buy things they
(12)

## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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#### **SMELLS SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about smells in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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## **WRITING**

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Write about <b>smells</b>	for 10 minutes.	Read and talk	about your partner's	s paper.