

Reading

1 Read the text.

Déjà vu

It's a strange sensation. A new place that seems familiar or an event that you're sure has happened before. How many of us have had this experience? Apparently over 70%. It's called déjà vu and according to the experts it's not something new but has been happening to people for hundreds of years!

So, what explanations are there for this strange feeling that is both confusing and uncomfortable? Some scientists think it is related to dreams and memory. It appears that although the majority of us cannot recall our dreams, we actually store the memory of dreams in our long term memory. This deep memory can come back sometimes when we are in a similar situation and makes us think that we have done this before.

However, as usual, not all experts agree. Those who believe in reincarnation – the idea that we have all lived before – say that these feelings are fragments of memories from previous lives. But, whatever the reason for déjà vu, one thing it does show is how complicated and amazing our brains are and that we are a long way from understanding completely how the brain, and in particular, how our memories work.

2 Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Déjà vu is the feeling that something familiar is unfamiliar. _____
- 2 People have been experiencing déjà vu for the last hundred years. _____
- 3 Some people think that déjà vu is related to dreams we can't remember. _____
- 4 Some people think that this is not our first or only life. _____
- 5 Soon we shall understand how our brains work. _____

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in the box.

organised depressed possible excited comfortable

- 1 My parents don't like the new sofa because it's so _____.
- 2 I never know where anything is – I am so _____.
- 3 This exercise is _____ to do! It's really hard.
- 4 A lot of people suffer from _____ these days because of stress at work.
- 5 There was a lot of _____ in the class when the teacher told the children about the day trip.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct answers.

- 1 I'm always _____ when my friends argue in a café where there are lots of people.
A nervous B bored C embarrassed
- 2 He was very _____ when he didn't get the job.
A jealous B nervous C disappointed
- 3 Justin was _____ when he realised that someone had stolen his car.
A shocked B guilty C excited
- 4 Pete was _____ to find his wallet in the car.
A relieved B disappointed C upset
- 5 Jenny gets _____ when Bill talks to another girl.
A guilty B jealous C scared

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Grammar

- 5 Complete the sentences with the affirmative, negative or interrogative form of *used to* and the verbs in the box.

let eat go help live

- When I was a child I _____ vegetables but now I love them!
- Where _____ before you moved here?
- Our first English teacher _____ us use our own language in class but we can with our new teacher.
- I _____ to a lot of concerts when I was a teenager but now I don't have the time.
- _____ your parents _____ you with your homework when you were younger?

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- 6 Choose the correct answers.

I ¹ **was walking / walked** home from school yesterday when I suddenly ² **was hearing / heard** this really loud noise. It ³ **was sounding / sounded** like an aeroplane! I ⁴ **was passing / passed** a wall at the time so I ⁵ **was looking / looked** over. In the middle of the field I ⁶ **saw / was seeing** a huge, round object – just like a UFO! It ⁷ **was making / made** the strange sound and lights ⁸ **were shining / shone** all round it. Then I ⁹ **was realising / realised** that the lights were cameras! Some people ¹⁰ **were making / made** a film!

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- 7 Complete the sentences with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.

- Gemma _____ (be) really upset yesterday because she _____ (break) Sandy's mobile phone.
- I _____ (get) home at midnight and _____ (find) that my friend _____ (leave) a note on the door.

- Jack _____ (get) up late this morning because he _____ (forget) to ask his mum to wake him up.
- We _____ (go) for a long walk after we _____ (finish) the exam.
- When we _____ (get) to the cinema the film _____ (already start).

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Listening

- 8  3.02 Listen to the people talking about why they or other people forget things. Complete the sentences with the correct speakers, A, B, C, D or E.

- Speaker _____ thinks he/she forgets things because he/she is older.
- Speaker _____ thinks it is good to forget.
- Speaker _____ thinks he/she forgets things when he's/she's in stressful situations.
- Speaker _____ thinks he/she forgets things that aren't important.
- Speaker _____ thinks people forget things because they are thinking about other things.

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Writing

- 9 Write a narrative called 'My earliest memory'. Include the following information:

- set the scene
- describe the main events
- what happened afterwards
- how you feel about it now

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Total /60