

## Teaching Instructions for “I remember...”



**Level:** Adult Intermediate

**Time:** 40 - 60 minutes

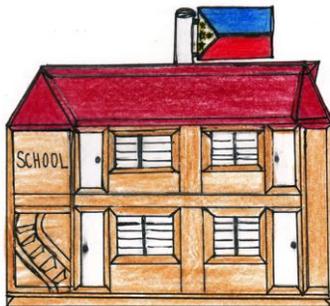
**Objective:** Past tense practice. Discussing events that have already happened.

### Procedure:

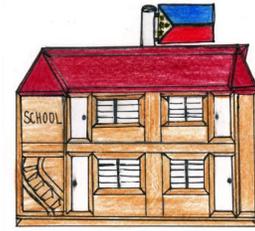
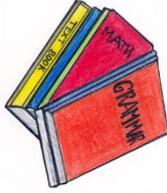
- 1) Begin the lesson warm-up exercises by asking students about what they did last week or yesterday.
- 2) Give a quick review of the past tense (i.e., simple past, past continuous, irregular past tense verb).
- 3) Read the passage before passing out student copies. Repeat if necessary.
- 4) Ask the comprehension questions.
- 5) Give the students their copies and go over the vocabulary that appears in *italics*.
- 6) Ask the short discussion questions.
- 7) Either in small groups or as a class—depending on time—have students relate their real life experiences based on the suggestions.

### Alternative Activities

- 1) Get the students to ask each other past tense question about the stories they have shared.
- 2) Ask students what they remember about important events that have happen in their life time.



## ***I remember...***



I remember my first day of kindergarten ***as if it were yesterday***. The sun was shining brightly as my mother walked me to the neighborhood elementary school. It was a warm autumn morning and the leaves were ***just starting to change color***. I felt very secure holding her hand. When we arrived at the school there were some other children ***running around*** and the mothers were talking to each other. When it came time for the mothers to leave my mom kissed me good-bye and told me to be good. She waved and left. I ***fought back the tears*** as I watched her ***fade*** from my sight. Suddenly, I felt all alone. Just then, I heard someone call my name. I turned around and saw my best friend, Chris, smiling. "Come on, sit over here," shouted Chris. ***What a relief!*** My best friend was in my class. All my worries faded.

### **Comprehension Questions**

- 1) How old was the narrator at the time of the story?
- 2) Where did the child go?
- 3) Who went with the child?
- 4) How did the child feel at first?
- 5) How did the child feel after seeing Chris?

### **Vocabulary**

What do the words in *italics mean*?

### **Short Discussion Questions**

- 1) Do you think the child was a boy or a girl? Why?
- 2) How do children react on the first day of school here?
- 3) What do you remember about your first day of school?

### **Conversation**

Choose one of the following topics and tell your group a true story:

#### ***What do you remember about...***

*...your first time away from home?*

*...your first vacation?*

*...your first heart throb?*

*...your first time in an airplane?*

*...your first trip to an amusement park or zoo?*

*...your first day in another country?*

*...your wedding day?*

*...your high school graduation?*

*...a special birthday?*

*...the first time you drove a car?*