Childhood and memories ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Where were you born?
- Where did you live when you were a child?
- What was your favourite toy or game?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
childhood	the time when you are a child	I had a happy childhood.
memory	something you remember from the past	It's one of my best memories.
teenager	a person between 13 and 19 years old	I was a difficult teenager.
used to	did something regularly in the past, but not now	I used to play the piano.
miss	to feel sad because something is in the past	I miss my school days.
forget	to not remember	I'll never forget that day.
hide-and-seek	a game where one child looks for others who are hiding	We played hide-and-seek in the park.
climb	to go up something using your hands and feet	We climbed trees all day.
summer camp	a place where children stay in summer and do activities	I went to summer camp every July.
babysitter	a person who looks after children while their parents are out	Our babysitter was very strict.

Speaking (15 min): Three objects from your childhood

The learner chooses three objects they remember from childhood and tells the story behind each one: what it was, where it was kept and what happened to it. You choose the one you want to hear more about.

Useful language

- When I was a child, I used to...
- I remember + -ing...
- I was allowed to... / I wasn't allowed to...
- We would spend hours...
- I'll never forget the day...
- It reminds me of...

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about childhood and memories using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the A2 childhood and memories vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

pocket money · nickname · punished · imagination · shy · spoiled · brave · strict

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. My _____ at school was Bean.
2. My mom _____ me for lying.
3. I wasn't very _____ as a child.
4. Children have a great _____.
5. I spent my _____ on comics.
6. He was a _____ child.
7. My parents were very _____.
8. I was a very _____ kid.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Who was your best friend at school?
2. What did you like eating?
3. Were you a good student?
4. What did you do in the summer holidays?
5. What did you want to be?

Write

Write 80–120 words about childhood and memories. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 nickname · 2 punished · 3 brave · 4 imagination · 5 pocket money · 6 spoiled · 7 strict · 8 shy