



# Remember sth / Think of something

## the thought crosses sb's mind

### cross someone's mind

to think of something

- The thought crossed my mind that she might be lying about her age.
- It never crossed my mind to give up

## off the top of one's head

Quick and without thinking very much

- Off the top of my head, I'd say we have about 200 members.

## come/spring/leap to(one's) mind

If a word or idea springs to mind, you suddenly think of it:

- He asked if I knew any good places to go, but nothing sprang to mind.
- I just said the first thing that came to my mind

## Run/go/flash through sb's mind

To think of sth, especially for a short time

- What was going through your mind when you agreed to do this?
- The possibility that he was lying flashed through my mind.

## sth pops into your head/mind

to suddenly think of something

- He jotted down story ideas that popped into his head.
- When you think about travel, what is the first thing that pops into your mind?

## bring/call sth to mind

- 1) to make you remember something:
  - That music brings to mind our first date.
- 2) to remember something
  - I can see his face, but I can't bring/call his name to mind.

## bring sth back

to cause ideas, feelings, or memories to be in your mind again

- The photos brought back some wonderful memories.
- Seeing him again brought it all back.

## come into one's head

to suddenly think of something

- The idea to call my mother didn't come into my head.

## enter your mind/head

if a thought enters your head/mind, you think about it or consider it.

- It never entered his head that she might be seeing someone else.

## dawn on someone

if something dawns on you, you realize it for the first time.

- It was several months before the truth finally dawned on me.

## occur to someone

To suddenly and unexpectedly start to think about sth

- It never occurred to me that I could be wrong.
- It didn't occur to her to ask how he'd found her.

## come to someone

to suddenly remember or think about sth:

- I can't remember his name - it'll come to me in a minute.
- The idea came to me when we were on holiday.