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## Memory Triggers Answer Key

Teachers should look for:

- A real memory that clearly connects to the chosen sound, smell, or object.
- Specific events that show what happened in the moment.
- Feelings and reflections that explain why the memory is important.
- A logical beginning, middle, and end.

### Teacher's Guide

- Encourage students to close their eyes and imagine the **sound**, **smell**, or **object** to help the memory surface.
- Model a quick teacher example by describing how a smell or sound can instantly bring back a vivid moment.
- Differentiate by allowing students to draw their memory before writing or to orally rehearse it with a partner.
- Boost engagement by letting students guess which prompt each classmate chose after hearing short excerpts.
- Extend by having students write a second version of the same memory that focuses more on emotion or more on sensory detail, comparing how each version feels to read.