**Memory**

*by Mary O’Neill*

Memory is a tape recorder

And there’s one in every head

Storing everything we’ve ever seen,

Or felt, or heard, or said.

The word, *remember*, simply means

We’re playing back a part

Of all that’s been recorded there

And lives close to our heart.

Sad thing, sweet thing,

Whatever it be.

The calling it back is a

Memory.

**1.VISUALIZE the main event or events** happening in the poem and illustrate using the blank space around the poem!

***Answer the following questions in COMPLETE sentences.***

2. What is the main action in the poem? (What is happening?)

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3. Where is the action taking place?

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4. Who is the speaker? (Remember – the speaker is not the author!)

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A **metaphor** *is a direct comparison* **between two things without using the words.** Sometimes authors use this strategy in their writing to make it more entertaining. They find ways to compare things that may not normally be alike.

Ex. The **sun** is **a diamond** in the sky.

This is a metaphor because the sun is being compared to a diamond. This is a way of saying the sun is bright or shiny or has other aspects like a diamond.

5. What metaphor did the author use in this poem? Why does she compare these two things?

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