

## Memorable phrases - ANSWERS

*These reasons match the phrases.*

<b>Memorable phrase</b>	<b><u>Reason it's memorable</u></b>
When I was young I lived in a city that was <b>mean <u>and</u> hard <u>and</u> ugly.</b>	<i>The extra 'and' emphasises all three words in this list.</i>
A <b>gritty</b> , yellow wind blew constantly	<i>This is an unusual adjective to have chosen. It makes the phrase vivid and memorable</i>
Scratching round the buildings <b>like a hungry dog.</b>	<i>A simile. The dog sounds wild and uncared for which fits the description of the city.</i>
<b>Nothing</b> grew. <b>Everything</b> was broken. <b>No one</b> ever smiled.	<i>Three dramatic short sentences. Nothing, everything and no-one = hyperbole/possible exaggeration</i>
The people had grown as <b>mean and hard and ugly</b> as their city, and I was <b>mean and hard and ugly</b> too.	<i>Repetition giving emphasis and echoing: mean, hard, ugly</i>
My heart was <b>as shrivelled as the dead trees in the park.</b>	<i>Simile. The character's inner condition is as desolate as the setting.</i>