

Unit 2: PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Part 1

Unforgettable Experiences

Interviewer: This is Radio 3. In our "Unforgettable Experiences" programme tonight we talk to Christina, a (1) _____ businesswoman. Hello Christina, welcome to our programme.

Christina: Hello and thank you! It's nice being with you tonight.

Interviewer: Christina, could you tell our (2) _____ about the most memorable experience in your life?

Christina: Well, my most (3) _____ experience happened thirteen years ago when my house burned down.

Interviewer: Really? How did it happen?

Christina: The fire started in the kitchen where I forgot to (4) _____ off the gas stove.

Interviewer: What were you doing at that time?

Christina: I was sleeping when I was suddenly woken up by terrible heat. I opened my eyes to find myself surrounded by walls of fire.

Interviewer: That's terrible! How did you (5) _____?

Christina: I was terrified. Then I heard my mother's voice calling my name. I rushed to her. She carried me out. Luckily, I got away without even a minor (6) _____.

Interviewer: Not many people are so lucky. Did the fire affect you in any way?

Christina: Oh, yes. Yes, very much, in fact. Although I lost many things in the fire, the experience helped me grow up.

Interviewer: What do you mean?

Christina: Well, before the fire, I was selfish. I always complained to my mother about how (7) _____ my room was, or how few clothes I had. Then the fire came and destroyed everything we (8) _____. But I slowly began to realize that I didn't really need my (9) _____ things. I just needed my family. After all,

you can get new clothes anytime, but a family can never be replaced.

Interviewer: I see, so the fire took many things from you, but it gave you something, too.

Christina: Exactly. It taught me to (10) _____ my family more than things.