

# Listening: Favourite things

## Matching Activity

Match the speakers with their favourite things. Write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

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| 1..... | Speaker A | a. a tablet         |
| 2..... | Speaker B | b. a sewing machine |
| 3..... | Speaker C | c. a scooter        |
| 4..... | Speaker D | d. a set of knives  |
| 5..... | Speaker E | e. a cat            |

## Fill in the gaps Activity

Do this exercise while you listen. Write the word to fill the gaps.

1. My favourite thing has to be my new tablet. It's really light and quite \_\_\_\_\_, so I take it with me everywhere. I'm always writing to friends and it's big enough to do college work on it too. It takes really good \_\_\_\_\_, and I play games and listen to \_\_\_\_\_ on it as well, of course. I often download \_\_\_\_\_ onto it, and watch them in \_\_\_\_\_. My mum says I'm \_\_\_\_\_, because I'm always on it. I even read things on it at breakfast time. I'm not allowed to at \_\_\_\_\_ time, though. I have to be \_\_\_\_\_ and talk to people then. "Welcome back to real life," my mum says.

2. My favourite thing? Does my \_\_\_\_\_ count as a thing? She's not really a thing, but anyway. She's a really \_\_\_\_\_ little cat. I've had her since she was \_\_\_\_\_ months old. You know how some cats are really \_\_\_\_\_ and hardly talk to you? I know cats don't really talk, but you know what I mean. Well, she's not like that at all. She's really \_\_\_\_\_ and comes up to me as soon as I get home, purring away like mad. She makes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for a tiny thing. She loves being stroked and comes and curls up next to me when I'm on the \_\_\_\_\_. She's great \_\_\_\_\_.

3. My new scooter! It's quite small, but \_\_\_\_\_, and just what I needed for getting around the \_\_\_\_\_. I used to have quite a long walk to the \_\_\_\_\_, then a longish walk at the other end to get to \_\_\_\_\_. But now I can just whiz there on my \_\_\_\_\_. And there's no problem parking, there's always \_\_\_\_\_ for it. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the cars and \_\_\_\_\_ – they don't always see you – and when it rains the surface of the road is \_\_\_\_\_, it gets really slippery. But in general it's perfect for me, and I can fit a \_\_\_\_\_ on the back too – I've got an extra \_\_\_\_\_ for a friend. It's great. Riding along makes me feel so free.

4. This might sound a bit old-fashioned, but my sewing \_\_\_\_\_ is my favourite thing. I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_ and love making things, as well as designing them. I also love \_\_\_\_\_ myself and often buy second-hand clothes – everyone loves the "vintage" \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment – and then I adapt them to my \_\_\_\_\_. It's much easier using a machine to do that than doing it by \_\_\_\_\_. I do alterations for my mum and my sister too. If I don't make it as a \_\_\_\_\_, I suppose I can always set up my own alterations and customising \_\_\_\_\_. Customising clothes, by taking things off and adding things on, is actually very \_\_\_\_\_, so I wouldn't mind that.

5. My set of Japanese knives. That sounds a bit sinister, doesn't it, but I'm not a \_\_\_\_\_ or anything. They're chef's knives and the best ones come from \_\_\_\_\_. Cooking is my new hobby. I got into it when I started watching Masterchef on TV. Then I went to an evening \_\_\_\_\_ for beginners, and I haven't looked back since. I try and have a \_\_\_\_\_ for between four and eight \_\_\_\_\_ every two or three \_\_\_\_\_. That gives me something to work towards and I always do new \_\_\_\_\_ so they can try them out and give me feedback. It's quite an \_\_\_\_\_ hobby if you use good \_\_\_\_\_, but now my friends help towards the \_\_\_\_\_. They still get a good \_\_\_\_\_ for a very low price.

## Sentence transformation Activity

Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Do NOT change the word given.

1. It is very important to me.

(mean)

This object \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My friend gave it to me last year.

(*gift*)

It \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I will never forget it.

(*is*)

This \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I got it when I was ten.

(*since*)

I've \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I really take care of it.

(*after*)

I always \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I don't want to throw it away.

(*get rid*)

I don't \_\_\_\_\_.