

LISTENING LESSON 5 – TEACHER’S HANDOUT

Exercise 1: Martha is going shopping for a floppy drive. Listen to the conversation between him and the shop assistant – Cullen and fill in the story below.

Martha is shopping for a floppy drive but he thinks (1) _____ is too expensive. However, the shop assistant–Cullen–says it is in fact inexpensive because the user just needs to plug it into (2) _____ connector and it will install by itself, no driver required

Martha then suggests a new price –(3) _____. Cullen doesn’t agree. He adds that the floppy drive is ideal for both desktop and (4) _____, and supports a great number of operating systems. Still, Martha finds out that it doesn’t support MAC. Finally, she gets the the floppy drive for (5) _____.

Exercise 2: Listen to the first part of a lecture about the components of a computer and answer

The questions with ONE WORD

1. What device is discussed in the lecture?
2. Will the lesson be about the basics of computer hardware or every detail of it?
3. What is the first component to be mentioned in the lecture?
4. What is the third component to be mentioned in the lecture?
5. What are the audio components of the compute

Exercise 3: Listen to the first part of the presentation in task 3 and fill in the blanks.

Like most people, computers are becoming a part of your life and it helps to know how they work. They seem complicated inside but by understanding just a few (1) _____, you can see a simpler side of computers. This is “Computer Hardware in Plain English”. You’ve seen them. They come in all (2) _____ and sizes but work pretty much in the same way. In fact, if you can look inside these (3) _____, they’ll have the same basic parts. It’s these parts of the (4) _____ that do a lot of work in computers. To explain, let’s look at something you’ve already known – a house. One of the great things of living in a house is that you’ll have room for all of your stuff. In fact, many houses have basements that become the perfect places for

(5) _____ things you want to use later. And the bigger the basement, the more you can store. The same things are true for computers. Instead of boxes and bicycle, we need a place to

(6) _____ thing like photos, music, documents and software. In a computer, it’s not the basement but a (7) _____. A computer hard drive is where you want to keep all the things you want to use later. And like basement, the bigger the (8) _____, the more you can store. But basements aren’t perfect....