

Unit 9: Birthstones (2)***Listen and Fill in blanks*****Listening Practice 3**

Hello, everyone. Good afternoon. I am Fabio Rossi from the Gem History Museum. I am here to tell you about the _____ of birthstones. Many _____ throughout history have used birthstones. _____ in India and Babylon believed certain _____ had _____ . Those cultures picked 12 _____ based on their _____ and linked them to _____ . The _____ is even mentioned in the Christian _____. But it wasn't until much later that people actually began to wear _____. That is believed to have happened in Poland in the _____ century. In _____ times, the birthstone has been standardized and _____. A _____ list was created by the American National Association of Jewelers in _____. Today, they are sold in _____ shops all over the world. A lot of people give them as _____ and _____ presents.

Listening Practice 4

Timmy: Hey, Genie! Is that a new _____ ?

Genie: Hey, Timmy! Yeah, I just got it this morning for my birthday.

Timmy: It looks _____. What kind of _____ is in it?

Genie: An _____. It's my birthstone.

Timmy: Oh. I heard about those. They are supposed to bring you _____ , right?

Genie: Yeah.

Timmy: Do you actually believe in those things? I mean, how could a stone really _____ good luck?

Genie: Well, I don't really believe it has any special _____ , but it is _____ and _____ to wear!

Timmy: Yeah, I have to _____ that is a good-looking necklace. Oh! Happy birthday! I forgot to give you a present though.

Genie: Don't worry about it. I never told you it was my birthday anyway.