

# Things we keep.

## READING

For main ideas

Read the article.  
What is it about?

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Match the things and the possible reasons to keep them.

- 1 your old toy: \_\_\_\_
  - 2 your parents' old music: \_\_\_\_
  - 3 your old soccer ball: \_\_\_\_
  - 4 your old guitar: \_\_\_\_
- a Maybe your children can use it.
  - b It was a gift from people you love.
  - c Maybe you can get money for it.

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Match the bold words to their meaning in the text.

- 1 they (line 2): \_\_\_\_
- 2 it (line 7): \_\_\_\_
- 3 them (line 9): \_\_\_\_
- 4 them (line 14): \_\_\_\_
- 5 them (line 16): \_\_\_\_

- a things
- b your grandparents
- c old toys, music, soccer balls
- d your old soccer ball or guitar
- e your favorite toy when you were a child

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## PREPARE TO SPEAK

Two old things I keep

Think about two old things that you keep from the past.  
Make notes about them.



	Alan's example	Item 1	Item 2
What is it?	An old train set		
Why is it important?	It was a birthday gift from my grandpa. It was my favorite toy.		
Why are you keeping it?	It is beautiful and fun. I want to give it to my children.		