Listening: Favourite things

Matching Activity

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

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 _____.

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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 _____.

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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 _____.

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