

# LISTEN WITH SPEAKAYOU

## EPISODE #4: SURVIVING & ENJOYING FAMILY HOLIDAYS

### 1 POSITIVE OR CHALLENGING?

Sort the vocabulary into two lists. Does the phrase usually describe a positive/neutral situation or a potentially difficult/conflict situation?

Options:    Quality time    Bite your tongue  
See eye to eye    The black sheep    Festive spirit  
Bring up (a sensitive topic)    Close-knit family

Positive/Neutral	Difficult/Conflict

### 2 COMPLETE THE COLLOCATIONS

Match the verb on the left with the noun phrase on the right.

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| 1. Keep...             | A. ...home.              |
| 2. Make it...          | B. ...memory lane.       |
| 3. Spoil someone...    | C. ...a tradition alive. |
| 4. Run in...           | D. ...rotten.            |
| 5. Take a trip down... | E. ...the family.        |

### 3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct option.

1. My aunt, uncle, and cousins are considered my \_\_\_\_\_ family.
  2. We generally have a good relationship, but we don't \_\_\_\_\_ on how to raise children.
  3. My mother loves to \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassing stories from my childhood.
  4. Let's go for a coffee and \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
  5. Musical talent really \_\_\_\_\_ in their family.
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### 4 REWRITE THE SENTENCE

Rewrite the sentence using the word in parentheses so that it means the same thing.

1. I stopped myself from saying something rude. (bit)

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2. He is the outcast of the family because he behaves differently. (sheep)

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3. We really want to continue doing this Christmas habit every year. (alive)

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4. My brother is my biological relative, so I must support him. (blood)

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5. It was difficult, but I finally arrived at my house before midnight. (made)

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