

Grade 9 Advanced Unit 8 Lesson 1 Reading

1. Read the short text below.
2. Write your answers to the questions you find in the text.
3. Check the meaning of the words in **bold** that you don't know!

I can't live without it!

We all have something very special that somebody gave us or that we bought in a special place or on a special occasion. It could be a stuffed toy that you've had since you were a baby and that's probably ready to **fall apart**. Or a T-shirt you bought while you were on holiday, which you don't want to **take off**. But why are things so important to us? After all, they're just *things*. Here are some questions to get you thinking:

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