

***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.