

"The Gift Dilemma"

Discuss the questions

- ***Do you like receiving gifts? Do you prefer receiving them on special occasions such as birthdays or Christmas? What kind of gifts do you like to get, handmade or manufactured?***

1. Read the conversation about Mia and her friend Sam. She needs some help to buy a birthday gift for her cousin.
  - **Mia:** My cousin's birthday is next week. I'd like to get her something special.
  - **Sam:** Like what?
  - **Mia:** I'm not sure. Maybe something made of cotton or wool? She loves soft clothes.
  - **Sam:** Hmm... What about a woolen scarf?
  - **Mia:** Good idea, but I think she already has one. I want to give her something different.
  - **Sam:** How about a canvas bag? They're cool and natural.
  - **Mia:** That's true. And they're light, not heavy like leather bags.
  - **Sam:** Or a notebook with a recycled cardboard cover? She likes writing, right?
  - **Mia:** Yeah, but she's got lots of notebooks. I need something she doesn't have.
  - **Sam:** So... something useful, natural, and soft? That's hard! She has everything!
  - **Mia:** I know, right? Wait! I know someone who makes handmade rubber bracelets!
  - **Sam:** That's awesome. Do you want me to help you get one?
  - **Mia:** Would you? That would be great!

2. Read the dialogue again and choose the best option a, b or c.

**1. What kind of materials does Mia want for the gift?**

- a) Heavy and synthetic
- b) Soft and natural
- c) Hard and dark

**2. What did Sam suggest first?**

- a) Canvas bag
- b) Woolen scarf
- c) Leather shoes

**3. Why doesn't Mia want to buy a notebook?**

- a) It's too expensive
- b) It's too heavy

c) Her cousin already has many

**4. What does Mia decide to get in the end?**

- a) Woolen scarf
- b) Rubber bracelet
- c) Cotton shirt

**5. Who is going to help Mia buy the gift?**

- a) Her cousin
- b) Her mom
- c) Sam

3. Short writing task

"Write about a gift you would like to receive. What material is it made from? Why do you want it? Is there something you wouldn't like to get?"

Example:

*'I would like to receive a leather notebook. It's made from soft leather and thick paper. I like writing, and this would be perfect for my stories. I wouldn't like to get anything plastic because it feels cheap and isn't good for the environment.'*