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LISTENING LANGUAGE PRACTICE

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1 Read the radio presenter's interview with Amy. Put the words in phrases 1–5 in the right order.

Extract from Student's Book recording 3.21

RP: Hello and welcome to *Ask the Expert*. The topic of today's programme is buying presents, and our expert is psychologist Amy Black. Thanks for joining us this afternoon Amy.

Amy: You're welcome. I'm pleased to be here.

RP: Amy, can you tell us presents / at / good / person / sort of / what / is / choosing what sort of person is good at choosing presents?

Amy: Well, it's true that buying / really / presents / some / are / people / good at _____

_____ and some people are really bad, but I don't think it's a question of personality. I think anybody can buy a good present but they have to do some research ... ²presents / are / The best / after / a lot of / chosen / thinking. _____

RP: Do you think women are better than men at buying presents?

Amy: Well, I suppose women like shopping more than men and this means they don't mind spending hours in shopping centres or online. But as I said, ³buy / present / can / a good / anybody _____

RP: Okay, let's read our first question. This was sent by Isabelle, 17 years old, from Bristol. She says 'My mum is going to be 40 ... and ⁴want / special / get / I / to / her / something _____

to cheer her up.' What do you think Amy?

Amy: Well, Isabelle, it's great that you want to get your mum something special. If you want to cheer her up, ⁵idea / good / toiletries / a / are / always _____

_____ but be careful. Your mum doesn't want to feel old. So don't buy face cream for the older woman.



2 Replace the underlined words in these sentences with an underlined word from the text in Exercise 1.

- Can we go home now please? We've been in the shopping centre for ages / hours.
- 'Shopping Live' on the shopping channel is not a real TV show / _____. It's more like one long advert.
 - The subject / _____ of the first chapter of the book is the oldest toy shop in the UK.
 - I don't really want to go shopping, but I guess / _____ we have to buy Lola a birthday present.
 - Which is nicer – modern furniture or antique furniture? Well, that's a matter / _____ of taste.
 - We're happy / _____ to say that we've already done all the Christmas shopping and it's only November.

REMEMBER THIS

Buy/get/give somebody a present

My parents bought/got/gave me a present when I passed my exams.

Get a present (from someone) = receive a present:

I got a present (from my parents) after I passed my exams.

3 Read REMEMBER THIS. Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in capitals. Change the form if necessary.

My sister gave me a pair of socks for my birthday. **GET**
I got a pair of socks from my sister for my birthday.

- I got a puppy from my parents for Christmas. **BUY**
My parents _____ for Christmas.
- David gave Louise a gold necklace for her graduation. **FROM**
For her graduation, Louise _____ David.
- Vincent got a smartphone from Claire for his 18th birthday. **GIVE**
Claire _____ for his 18th birthday.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in capitals.

There's a sale today, so everything is 20% cheaper. **SELL**

- Jason spends most of his _____ on his hobby – snowboarding. **EARN**
- I refuse to borrow money from a bank because I don't like having _____. **DEBT**
- This unique _____ opportunity promises to make you rich in a year! **INVEST**
- Did you know that the first cola was _____ in 1886? **PRODUCE**
- You can make online _____ much more quickly and safely today than ten years ago. **PAY**
- Sarah is a successful _____ on an Internet shopping website. **TRADE**