



One of My Favorite Things

A

Listen, read, and circle.



Track 2



Listen

1.



- a. One of his favorite things is his grandma's **new** / **old** cookbook.
- b. He uses it every **Saturday** / **Sunday** with his **father** / grandmother.
- c. One of his favorite meals to cook is **pizza** / **spaghetti**.

2.



- a. One of her favorite things is her **skateboard** / bicycle.
- b. Her **brother** / best friend gave it to her, and she uses it to practice **games** / **tricks**.
- c. She also uses it to get to **places** / **her classes** on time.

B Talk to your classmates.

What's one of your favorite things to do on the weekend?

I like to go fishing with my cousin.
What about you?

One of my favorite things is to go hiking with my friends.

✦✦ *Ideas*

- ✦ go shopping
- ✦ take a painting class
- ✦ go out to eat
- ✦ see a movie
- ✦ download new apps to my phone
- ✦ volunteer at the animal shelter

Language Practice

A Practice the language options. Say them aloud, and then practice with a partner.

My/This . . . is one of my favorite things. It is special to me because . . .



- watch
- it belonged to my great-grandfather



- baseball bat
- I hit eight homeruns with it last season



- movie
- it cheers me up when nothing else can



- passport
- I use it to travel and see the world



- photograph
- I miss my dog and this reminds me of her



- phone
- it helps me pass the time during my commute to school



Discuss the questions with your classmates. Write down your ideas.

1. What are some of your favorite things a family member has given you?	2. What are some of your favorite things you have bought for yourself?
Favorite thing: Why:	Favorite thing: Why:
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Speaking Tip and Expressions

A Discuss the speaking tip.



Do your homework.

No one can give a good presentation without preparation. Many talented speakers look like they're just saying whatever comes to mind, but this is not true. Successful presenters spend a lot of time figuring out what they're going to say. You should, too.

1. How can you explain this tip in different words?
2. What can you actually do to practice this tip?

B

Read through the expressions. Then practice them with a partner.

1

This quilt has always been one of my favorite things.
My telescope is very special to me.
I think my favorite thing is a microphone.

2

My grandmother gave it to me when I was young.
It is special to me because it has been in my family for over fifty years.
I love to sing, and I always want to hold the microphone during karaoke.

3

Since then, I have always slept with it on my bed.
My father used it as a young boy, and now we use it together.
My microphone inspires me to become a singer one day.

4

My quilt reminds me of my grandmother because she made it for me.
My telescope allows me to study things in outer space, like stars and planets.
I use it to practice singing every day.

5

I want to pass it on to my child one day so that he or she will always remember me, too.
I hope that one day I can teach my kids to learn how to use my telescope.
I like that my favorite thing can help me to follow my dreams.

Interview

A Read through the interview. Then role-play with a partner.

1 What is one of your favorite things to listen to?

2 Why do you like listening to them?

3 How do you listen to them?

4 What time of day do you usually listen to them?

5 Do you have any other favorite things you listen to?

One of my favorite things to listen to is podcasts.

- I like listening to podcasts because they are interesting and informative.
- I listen to them on my phone through an app.
- I usually listen to them on my way to and from class.
- Yes, I also like listening to audiobooks.





Interview three of your classmates. Use the questions from above.

Question	Sample Answers	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3
1	hip hop music			
2	it's fun and upbeat			
3	on my phone with headphones			
4	any time of day			
5	pop music			

Presentation

A Watch the presentation. Listen for the key phrases.



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Key Phrases

- taught me a lot
- before I was born
- got the chance
- in common
- special to me
- pass it on

B Watch again and complete the script.

This 1 diary has always been one of my favorite things. It was my mom's for many years, and she gave it to me on my seventeenth birthday.

You might be asking yourself, "Why is that old book so 2 special?" Well, it has taught me a lot about my family. You see, my grandmother died before I was 3 born. I never got the 4 chance to meet her. However, I feel like I know her because of this diary. It was hers, and it is filled with stories from her life. About a year after my grandmother died, my 5 grandfather found the diary and gave it to my mom.

My grandmother got this diary for her seventeenth birthday, and she wrote in it for about three years. It is interesting to see how our lives are so similar. For example, we have a love for dancing and hiking in 6 common. I also like reading her words. I think she was a good 7 writer. Here is something she wrote when she saw the 8 ocean for the first time:

I stood with my feet in the water in awe of the mere 9 beauty of the deep blue. I was amazed at how wide it spread to the horizon. How I longed to see the creatures living below.

I have learned so much from this diary. It was very special to my mom, and now it is very special to me. I hope I will be able to 10 pass it on to one of my kids in the future. It's the best!

Write

A Think about your favorite thing. Why is it special?

Favorite thing:

The person who gave it to me is:

I've had it since:

It's special because:

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B

Write your own presentation. See page 90 for more ideas.

My Favorite Thing

Introduction

- My favorite thing . . .
- It's special because . . .
- I've had it since . . .

Body

- I like ... because ...
- It has taught me ...
- I usually ...
- However, ...
- For example, ...
- I enjoy ... because ...

Conclusion

- I have learned . . .
- I hope that . . .

C Practice. Then give your presentation in front of the class.

How did you do?



- ☐ Did you research and prepare for your presentation?
- ☐ Did you think about what you would say before presentation day?
- ☐ Did you practice your presentation?