

Listening (script)

You will hear four people talking about gifts. Complete the information. Use one word in each space.

Craig: My sisters and I wanted to get my mum and dad something really nice for their 20th wedding anniversary. We thought about jewellery, chocolates, DVDs - but we couldn't find anything, you know, special. Finally, my oldest sister had a brilliant idea. We bought them tickets for a show in London - a musical - and we kept it a surprise for Mum and Dad. They really loved it. This was about four years ago now, but they still talk about it!

Vicky: I remember, it was one Christmas...about five or six years ago. The whole family was there, and I opened a present from my Aunt Victoria. It was a book. Everybody was looking at me, asking me what it was, so I read the title out: The Big Book of Jokes. So my dad said, "Well, let's hear some jokes then! Read them out, Vicky!" It was so embarrassing! I sat there, reading out the worst jokes you can imagine. Nobody laughed. I wanted to stop, but my dad kept saying "Try another one". It was horrible!

Harry: I was about five years old, I suppose. And I was a really huge Batman fan. I loved him! I wanted to be him. For my birthday that year, I got a Batman costume. I couldn't believe it! I put it on straight away, and I didn't take it off! I think I wore that Batman costume every day for six weeks - at home, in town, at the shops. A few weeks later, I lost interest in Batman - I never really wore the costume again. But still, it's a present that's really stayed in my mind.

Beth: A couple of years ago, I went out to buy a present for my mum - for Mother's Day. I went to a department store and, as I walked through the door, a woman asked me to try lots of perfumes. I liked one of them a lot but it was quite expensive. I didn't have enough money to buy the perfume and a present for my mum. So I had an idea. I bought the perfume as a present for my mum! The trouble is, my mum can't wear perfume - she's allergic to it. But I forgot that. Until after I gave it to her! She was OK about it - she said it didn't matter. But I felt really bad.

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This is the end of the listening task