Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 2. Item

Describe a valuable thing that you received from someone.

You should say:

what this item is

who gave it to you

when you received it

and explain why it is valuable to you.

I'd like to describe a thing that I received and that I think is valuable to me.

They are a pair of pearl earrings. I got it from my husband. Well, back then, he was my boyfriend. I got them 2 years ago. I'm actually wearing them now. These earrings are important and meaningful to me because my husband gave them to me as a token of his love for me, and it was the first time that I realised that he really loved me. He bought me many gifts when we were in a relationship but I didn't really know how strong his feelings were for me. But when I received the earrings, I looked at his eyes and I could tell that he was in love with me. He actually proposed to me 3 months after that, so I believe the earrings really meant something.

Q: What are the examples of items people commonly consider important?

Well, people tend to consider something important when it has a financial value. Therefore, I would say cars and jewellery. They are the two most valued types of items, I guess.

Q: If an item is expensive, is it more likely to be considered important?

Absolutely, yes. I think I partly answered the question in my previous answer. To many people, a price tag means a lot and they decide an item's value depending on it. If an item is financially valuable, it is likely to be cared more and considered precious. However, this is not always the case. Some items are valued for sentimental reasons and they are considered important as they have sentimental value. They don't have to be pricy, they just need to be special to the owner. The value of these items is associated with emotions and material worth doesn't really count.