

SPEAKER 1: Here's a question about words. Could you tell me some of your favorite things? Of all the things that you like, what are some favorite things for you?

MOLLY: Probably playing with my dolls and playing with my dog, and probably teaching my dog to do new tricks because she's really smart.

SPEAKER 1: That would be fun. And what makes that fun? What is fun about doing that?

MOLLY: Because my dad is really good and everything, and it's really fun to teach her and see her learn it.

SPEAKER 1: OK. That does sound like fun. Do you have any words that are your favorite words?

MOLLY: Not really.

SPEAKER 1: No word that you just like or is fun to say?

MOLLY: I like the biggest word, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

SPEAKER 1: Now, that's a wonderful example. And what makes that fun?

MOLLY: Probably memorizing it.

SPEAKER 1: OK. Just showing you can do it?

MOLLY: Yeah.

SPEAKER 1: Do you have any idea what supercalifragilisticexpialidocious means?

MOLLY: No, not really.

SPEAKER 1: I don't either, but it still is fun to say because it's just like a big, fun word to say. That was a good example. Have you got any other ones? I

MOLLY: No. That's my only one.

SPEAKER 1: That was a perfect one.

Tell me something that you really like, and it can be anything, just something you really like.

NICHOLAS: I like to play sports.

SPEAKER 1: Oh yes? Do you have a favorite sport.

NICHOLAS: Golf.

SPEAKER 1: Golf. Well, that's an interesting sport. I don't think a lot of boys your age maybe play golf, huh?

NICHOLAS: Not really.

SPEAKER 1: Well, that sounds very special. Anything else that's a favorite thing for you?

NICHOLAS: I like being with my family.

SPEAKER 1: Oh, that's good. That's a very nice thing. Now, here's a different question. Are there are any words that you really like? You could say, like, this is my favorite word. This is something I really like to say. Is there anything like that?

NICHOLAS: Fun.

SPEAKER 1: OK. Can you think of another thing?

NICHOLAS: Athletic.

SPEAKER 1: And why are those words you like to say?

NICHOLAS: I like playing sports, so that's why I say that it's fun and athletic.

SPEAKER 1: I see. So both of those words mean things that you really enjoy? Good answer.

Samuel, can you tell me what are some of your favorite things?

SAMUEL: Sports, math, and reading.

SPEAKER 1: Could you tell me a little bit about why those are favorite things?

SAMUEL: I love sports. It's just really fun to do. I love reading because the stories are interesting. I love finding out what happens at the end. Math. I just like--

SPEAKER 1: Maybe the reason I forgot is not a lot of people say that math is one of their favorite things. I would really like to hear why that's your favorite.

SAMUEL: It's my favorite because it's fun to do and it's not very hard for me to do.

SPEAKER 1: Oh. So that's another talent that you have, you think?

SAMUEL: Yes.

SPEAKER 1: Now I have a very different kind of question for you. What are some of your favorite words?

SAMUEL: Blitzkrieg. I don't have very many favorite words.

SPEAKER 1: Well, we can talk about blitzkrieg. So first, can you tell me what that means?

SAMUEL: It was just in the spelling bee. It didn't have the definitions of it, but it just was interesting.

SPEAKER 1: And so you tell me, but is that why it's one of your favorite words, that it was just kind of a different and interesting word? Well, that was an interesting answer. That's great. Does any other word come to mind?

SAMUEL: No.

SPEAKER 1: OK. Well, that was a good one, so we could be very happy with that one. Thanks.

SAMUEL: OK.

SPEAKER 1: So Maya, my first question for you is what are some of your favorite things?

MAYA: To do?

SPEAKER 1: Sure, to do.

MAYA: I enjoy reading, and I am on the cross country team and I really enjoy running, and I really like playing soccer.

SPEAKER 1: OK. Could you tell me a little bit about why those are your favorite things?

MAYA: I like them because like I can just do them. I don't have to think about it. I can just go out running and I can to just escape, kind of.

SPEAKER 1: OK. That sounds like a good reason to enjoy doing that. My second question is a very different question. What are some of your favorite words?

MAYA: Onomatopoeia. I like that word.

SPEAKER 1: OK. That's interesting. And tell me again, why is that a favorite word?

MAYA: Because I just like how it sounds. It's like onomatopoeia. It's long and it sounds cool.

SPEAKER 1: That's kind of a nice rhythm to it.

MAYA: Yeah.

SPEAKER 1: Do you have any idea what it means?

MAYA: Yeah. It's a literary term that means, like, hiss or something like that. It's like a sound.

SPEAKER 1: OK. And it is also just a fun word to say.

MAYA: Yeah.

SPEAKER 1: Good. Thank you.