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from catalogue and pasted them in a notebook. The pictures of the things they want.  
People sign their name by the item they will buy.

**A.** That's clever! Then everyone knows that they are buying something the couple really want and there's no change of two people buying the same gift. What things were in the notebook?

**B.** Most of the things were household appliances. You know, everything from an iron through vacuum cleaner to a cooker. I think it's an excellent way for everyone who knows the couple to help them set up home.

**A.** So, what did you get them?

**B.** I bought a sewing machine. I know that my friend likes making her own clothes, but her current sewing machine is quite old and has some problems.



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A. What's wrong with it?

B. She says that after several years of use, it's not working properly. When she uses it, it makes a funny noise.

A. Household appliances don't seem to last for a long time nowadays.

B. I think it's because the manufactures are constantly bringing out new models. Because they know that we will buy the new models, the appliances don't need to last more than five or ten years at most.

### ▶ Useful expressions

1. I'll just unplug it and take a look inside the machine.
2. Everything from an iron through a vacuum cleaner to a cooker.
3. Her current sewing machine is quite old and has some much lower

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**Example:** He would stoop to any device to win a point

**Iron-** Apply pressure and smooth with a heated iron

**Example:** "she stood there ironing"

**Switch-** Cause to go on or to be engaged or set in operation

**Example:** "switch on the light"

**Battery-** A collection of related things intended for use together

**Example:** "took a battery of achievement tests"

**Wire-** Provide with electrical circuits

**Example:** "wire the addition to the house"



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