

Handout 1 – Listening Comprehension

Listen and answer the questions below.

1. What is the consumer's favorite brand of laptops, smartphones, and other consumer electronics?
2. Which brand does she think is the most expensive?
3. Does she have a least favorite brand? Why or why not?
4. Which brand does she think is the most suitable for older people? Why?
5. Which brand does she think is the most popular with younger people?
6. What do her friends think of Nokia products?
7. Which company makes better laptops in her opinion?

Part 2: Fill in the blanks

Interviewer: Good afternoon, would you mind answering a few questions?

Kate: How long is it going to take?

Interviewer: Um.. Just a couple of minutes.

Kate: Well, I guess I can answer a few questions. Sure. Go ahead.

Interviewer: OK, great. I would like to know your opinion on _____ brands of laptops, smartphones, and other consumer electronics.

Kate: I'd say that Apple is the best brand. I always buy their products and I'm quite satisfied.

Interviewer: Which do you think are _____?

Kate: Well, Apple is also the most expensive brand. I guess that's why they're the best in my opinion.

Interviewer: Um.. And which brand do you think is _____?

Kate: Well, honestly, I don't really know. I haven't tried many brands.

Interviewer: Alright, thank you. Which, in your opinion, is _____ brand for older people?

Kate: Well, I'm in my 20's, but I think that Apple products are generally _____ to use than other products, so they would probably be the best ones for older people.

Interviewer: So, which brand do you think is _____ with teenagers?

Kate: Apple again? Or maybe Nokia?

Interviewer: Have you ever used Nokia products?

Kate: No, I haven't. But my friends have Nokia smartphones and they like using them. But I think that Apple makes _____ & _____ laptops. I haven't had any problems so far.

