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Gthey'll take....they'll ask their grandad to print some pictures off the computer, and he'll sit and colour in. And you like to do the masks don't you. John likes to colour in the mask.

Q The mask?

G Yeah, they print the paper mask off and they colour them in and then he'll cut the eyes out for them, put them a bit of string round.

Q Are they the masks of anything, are they related to the Transformers or anything like that that he likes? Are they like anything related to electronics or robots or anything?

G What kind of masks does Grandad print off?

C A zombie.

G A zombie? Right. And what else? You've had a dinosaur mask, haven't you?

C I've got some in the living room.

G Have you?

Q Oh, may we see?

G Go and fetch them. One day I came back, she'd decorated all my fireplace with all these pictures, she'd bluetacked them on all over.

Q A drawing on the fireplace then. That amazing robot that John's got, was that from yourselves?

G Yeah, that was his birthday present.

Q Oh this time, the birthday that's just gone?

G Yeah. He got the robot and he got a remote control car as well. Because he kept saying, well he wanted...what do they call them....these like that change from a robot into....

Q Transformers.

G Transformers, yeah. So he got a couple of those.

Q Yeah. Oh ??? have a go.

G That's what you drew yourself, isn't it?

C Yeah.

Q That's a gorgeous one, it's so colourful.

G ??? are there any of these that John did?

Q That's a princess one, isn't it.

C I picked all mine.

G Oh right.

C Princess!

Q Are these like masks, so do you cut them out and put them on or.....oh that's a good one.

C Gin and tonic.

Q And there's a gin and tonic – oh with lovely eyelashes on the glass. What's this? Ice cream?

C And a lolly.

Q And a lolly. That's good for this hot weather. Oh that's a good one, I love the different coloured eyes on that one. A unicorn. Ooh that's a fantastic face, what gave you the idea for the stripes?

C And I made this at school.

Q Oh. What technique have you used here, that's very...you've stuck on little....all those different colours. It's beautiful. Your lucky nannan. So yes, sorry just tell me about, I'm really interested in the robot and everything, if you could tell me.

G Oh yeah. Because he was asking for remote control things, and I saw the robot and it talks and things, and I thought maybe when he's a little bit older he might appreciate it a little bit more. So yeah we bought him the robot. It weren't cheap, but he does like playing with it, it dances and.... isn't it, your robot John, you like your robot. What does it do? Come here.

Q Don't worry.

G He might be going to fetch it.

Q He was showing it me earlier, actually he has shown me it, and they've shown me the dancing. It sort of plays music and kind of goes backwards and forwards, doesn't it?

G Yeah. And then he's got his remote control car. So they keep them here as well because obviously here he can walk about and things like that. Because sometimes, like when he was younger....well last year we went away, Marina bought him one of these Transformers, and within 5 minutes he'd broken it, broke the wheel on it and everything. So I try to be wary what they buy and...

Q Yeah, you look for something that is robust sort of thing, yeah.

G Yeah.

Q Here it is.

G Here's your robot.

Q So it's called a Smart Bot.

G And he's never had anything like this before. You haven't had one of these before have you?

D No. And there's a ???

Q So what does he do, can you tell me? So put him through his paces for me, what sorts of things can he do?

D Can dance.

G Can dance?

D Yeah.

G Go on then show us how you dance.

Q Which one is it for dancing?

D Press the robot.

G Which button do you press?

D ???

G Oh! He's going under my chair.

Q Looks like he's doing the Moonwalk there.

G This is where with John he'll just put things down and just leave them. And I keep trying to tell him, with the controls, like if he doesn't pick them up they're going to get broken, but....

Q So is it connected to the internet in any way, or it's just a remote control?

G No, it's just a remote control, yeah. And I'm not sure what it did, but I just thought with it being a robot and he likes robots and Transformers.....

Q Oh so that's what you looked for.

G Yes. I thought 'oh, well that's a bit different'.

Q So the Transformers that they had, did they do anything, were they electronic?

G No, no they're not. He's got a yellow one – broke the wheel off that. That has some sort of sound to it. But then he got a small one and that doesn't do anything. As I was saying, Marina bought him one last year at the airport and within....well the next day it was broke, so....he's just got no sense of ??? the cost of things. But like when it was his birthday we took him to Smyths toy shop and said 'you can have a look, you can have anything'. And he just didn't know what to get. 'Oh I want this' and 'I want that' and then 'oh no I don't want that, I want this'. So it kind of....because we didn't get any Transformers I saw the robot and said 'what do you think to this?' 'Yeah, yeah, we'll have that'. But when he got home and he opened it and got it set up, he thought it was really cool, he calls it 'cool'.

Q So that's how you chose it. You went to Smyths together and he picked it off, yeah.

G Yeah.

Q Was it the same with the car as well?

G Yeah, yeah. He got quite a few things, and still got money left which I've got in a cupboard. In fact I went to Morrisons yesterday and I saw this ??? and I thought 'I'm sure he wanted one of them', so we managed to get that.

Q That's fascinating. And how did he take to it when you showed him what it....you know were you showing him, or his Grandad showing him?

G No his Grandad showed him what to do. But he picks things up really quickly like that.

Q Yeah.

G He watches everything. And my husband's got a gym upstairs, all the weights and things, and many a time he's in there and he comes out with a screw, he's unscrewed something.

C I'm dry. So now can I have a go with the camera?

G Oh, that's why you got ready.

Q So he's really good at taking in information visually by the sounds of it and just watching what Grandad does and things.

G He does, he watches. You see he's there with her, yeah, he watches every little move. And he wants to know, if he's in my car and we're sat there he'll say 'and what's this for nannan' and 'what's that for' with the indicator. And 'what's this button for'.

Q I noticed with the car he was very....that's what he showed me, 'this button does this, and I can do this with it'.

G Yeah.

Q He talked about backing it and things like that, you know.

G Yeah I've found that about him, he really looks what you're doing. If my husband's doing anything he's there all the time. At first I thought it's because his daddy's not here and he wants a bit of male attention, but he doesn't, he's interested in what you're doing. He shows me, if his car wants charging up he knows where the screwdriver is. And he'll say 'I'll do that' and 'no, I can do it'. So I watch him and he'll unscrew it, but he can't do anything else, he can't take it apart to connect it. But he's got a ??? mind, he comes out with everything. He'll say like 'oh I saw you yesterday and I saw a man chasing you so I ran after him and chopped off his head'.

Q What brings those sorts of things out?

G I've no idea. He just makes up some real funny stories doesn't he, Marina, our John?

A Oh yeah.

[Discussion of how the GoPro camera works]