



GIFTS

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What kinds of gifts do you like to get?
I like to get.....
2. What kinds of gifts do you like to give?
I like to give....
3. Do you set a limit on how much you're going to spend on a present or do you just buy what you think the person will like?
Yes, I do... / No, I don't....
4. What gifts are usually given as wedding presents in your country?
Usually....are given as wedding presents.
5. What are the times of the year that you give gifts?
We give gifts during....

Extended Questions

1. How do you thank someone who gave you a gift?
I thank someone by...
2. Did you ever get a gift you didn't like?
Yes, I did... / No, I didn't...
3. Is it enough for a husband/boyfriend to give flowers to his wife/girlfriend on her birthday?
Yes, I think it is... / No, I don't think...
4. What do you think about the idea of giving money as a gift?
I think giving money as a gift is...
5. What was the last gift you received? Did you like it?
The last gift I received was... Yes, I liked it.. / No, I didn't like it...

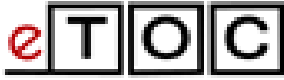
Vocabularies

1. Exquisite /ek·skwɪz·ɪt/
(adjective) especially beautiful or admirable
Ex.: This is the most exquisite present I've ever had.
2. Delightful /dɪ'laɪt·fəl/
(adjective) full of pleasure
Ex.: I received a delightful gift from the company.
3. Marvelous /'mɑr·və·ləs/
(adjective) extremely good
Ex.: Children received a marvelous gift from Santa.

4. **Priceless /'praɪs·ləs/**
(adjective) more valuable than any amount of money; precious
Ex.: That was a priceless surprise from her family.
5. **Wrapped /ræpt/**
(adjective) covered with paper or other material
Ex.: The gifts were wrapped colorfully.
6. **Munificent /mju:'nɪf.ɪ.sənt/**
(adjective) very generous with money
Ex.: He has a munificent family.

Useful Expressions

1. **Have the gift of gab - to have a great facility with language; to be able to use language very effectively**
Ex.: All good salespeople have the gift of the gab.
2. **Have a gift for (doing) something - to have a natural talent for doing something.**
Ex.: Tony has a gift for writing short stories.
3. **Never look a gift horse in the mouth - If you receive a gift, do so graciously, without voicing criticisms.**
Ex.: We should never look a gift horse in the mouth.
4. **Gifting Phase - A period of one's life during which one's investment goals shift from making money to giving to charitable or philanthropic causes.**
Ex.: Companies have a gifting phase every Christmas.
5. **Gift wrapping - wrapping colorful paper around it.**
Ex.: I usually enjoy gift-wrapping.



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Dialogue

Let's Practice.

Here's an example of a conversation between two friends around Christmas time:

A: Hey, I got you a little something.

B: What? Oh! You didn't have to do that! I'm so sorry, I didn't get you anything.

A: Don't worry, it's nothing big. Go ahead and open it.

B: (unwraps the gift) Wow! A coffee grinder! It's just what I wanted!

A: I remembered you saying that you wanted one of these.

B: That's so thoughtful of you. Thank you so much.