Presents
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Activity 1
Read the following questions and discuss them with your partner.

1. On what occasions do you give (or receive) presents?
2. Do you ever give people presents for no obvious reason?
3. What is the most useless, ridiculous or inappropriate present you have ever received? Who gave it to you? How did you react when you received it?
4. What are the biggest and smallest presents you have ever received?
5. What is the silliest present you have ever received or given to someone?
6. Who do you find it most difficult to buy presents for? Why?
7. Is it acceptable in your country to give money as a present? Why/not?
8. What was the best present you received as a child? Do you still have it?
9. What present did you wish for as a child but never got?
10. Do you think children get too many presents these days?
11. Do you buy presents well in advance or are you a last-minute shopper?
12. Do you wrap presents yourself? Are you good at gift-wrapping? Or do you prefer to have presents gift-wrapped in the shop?
13. Before Christmas, do you feel the presents under the tree and try to guess what’s in them?
14. What would you really like to get for Christmas this year?

Activity 2
Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Homework’ icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. What is probably the most valuable toy in the world, according to the article?
2. How much was the toy auctioned for in 1997?
3. According to the article, what is the largest present ever given?
4. How many metres high is it and how much does it weigh?
5. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 3
‘It doesn’t matter how little a present costs - it’s the thought that counts’. To what extent do you agree with this saying?

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject why not go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Discussion’ icon to take part in the forum discussion there?

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