

Topic 13 Gift Giving and Receiving

Background:

The winter holiday season is near, and this means that many people in America are giving gifts to their family and friends, and also receiving gifts.

Discussion Questions:

1. In your home country, is gift-giving common? For what occasions is it common to give or receive a gift?
2. In your home country, is it important how a gift is wrapped? Does a gift always need to be wrapped or can it just be handed to someone without being wrapped?
3. In your home country, do co-workers in an office give gifts to each other? Does the boss give gifts to his/her employees?
4. In your home country, what is a common gift that people give to family members at a holiday time? Which holidays do people give/receive gifts?
5. Have you ever received a handmade gift or given someone a handmade gift? Please explain.
6. "Coupons" are a popular kind of gift in some families. They are handmade notes offering to do some kind of service or to share an activity. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?
7. In the United States, some people give food as a gift. They might buy some special food or make homemade jam or cookies. In your home country, is it popular to give food as a gift?
8. In your home country, do people give gifts for weddings? If so, what kind of gifts? Is money a popular gift for a wedding? Please explain.
9. Have you ever received an anonymous gift? Have you ever given an anonymous gift? Please explain.
10. In your home country, do some people give gifts in order to get something in return – a job, a good grade in school for themselves or a child, etc.

New words and Idioms: giving, receiving, season, close, thank you note, co-workers, receiver, handmade, homemade, occasion, anonymous