

# Project File

## The Good Gift Box Project

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### Warming Up

1. When do you give people gifts? Check (✓) the occasions and add ideas of your own.

- ☐ on someone's birthday
- ☐ on special holidays
- ☐ when you return from a trip
- ☐ when someone is sick
- ☐ when you need to say "I'm sorry" to someone.
- ☐ when you want to say "thank you" for something.
- ☐ when I want to do something nice for someone.

2. Share your experiences. Ask & answer with a partner, in groups, or around class.

*Have you ever given a gift to say I'm sorry?*

*Yes, I have. I gave my mother flowers last week.*

*Why did you need to say I'm sorry to her?*

*Well, the other day, I ...*

*Do you give gifts when you return from a trip?*

*Sometimes I give my friends and family a souvenir.*

*What kind of things do you usually get them?*

*I usually get things like ...*

*Do you ever give gifts for no reason?*

*Sure I do. I like giving people presents.*

*Can you give me an example?*

*Well, one time I gave my friend ...*

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### Sharing Gift Ideas

1. Complete the chart with gifts you'd like to give others.



Who	What	Why
My friend Jason	a vacation	he works so hard.

2. Now use your ideas to write sentences like these.

*I would like to give my friend Jason a vacation because he works so hard.*

*I want to take my parents out for dinner so they don't have to cook*

*I'd like to give my neighbors a gift basket because they don't have much.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Take turns reading your sentences to a partner. Respond like this or use ideas of your own.

*That's so nice of you.*

*What a great idea.*

*That's so thoughtful*

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### Building on your ideas

1. Choose one of your ideas from the previous activity and add some information. Start with the sentence you wrote.

#### First Sentence

*I would like to give my friend Jason a vacation because he works so hard.*

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#### More Information

*He's the busiest person I know. He's always doing some project to help others, and he doesn't get much time to spend with his family.*

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Rewrite the first sentence like this.

*If I could give him anything, I'd give him (and his family) a vacation.*

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#### More Information

*I know he really enjoys going to the beach, so I guess I'd give him a beach holiday in Thailand. He's never been there and I know he'd love it.*

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### 2. Now put it all together.

*I would like to give my friend Jason a vacation because he works so hard. He's the busiest person I know. He's always doing some project to help others, and he doesn't get much time to spend with his family. If I could give him anything, I'd give him (and his family) a vacation. I know he really enjoys going to the beach, so I guess I'd give him a beach holiday in Thailand. He's never been there and I know he'd love it.*

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### 3. Tell several others about the good gift you want to give. Try not to look at what you've written. Begin like this.

*Tell me about your good gift.  
Well, I would like to give ...  
That's really thoughtful of you.*

### Extensions It really is the thought that counts.

1. Use an app like <https://audioboom.com> to record your good gift story. Then post it to your Facebook or Twitter account. Be sure to tag the person or people you want to give this good gift to.
2. Fill in the gift box on the following page with your gift idea and your story. Then print it out, put it in an envelope, and present it to the person or people you want to give this good gift to.

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The Good Gift Box (because it's the thought that counts)



To \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_

*If I could give you anything, I would give you*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Here's why:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_