

ENGLISH CORNER MENU
Learning English Through Discussion
Gifts

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Hot Topics

1. Do you know how old Queen Elizabeth II is? *Whole group.*
2. Does your country have a king or queen – or did you have one in the past? Is it a good idea to have a royal family? Why or why not? *Whole group.*
3. Which birthdays are special in your culture? What do you do for those birthdays? In Australia, 18th, 21st and 40th are important birthdays.
4. What is the best present you have ever received for your birthday? *In pairs.*
5. What would be the best present these people could receive:
 - a. a 7 year old child _____
 - b. a 17 year old in Brisbane _____
 - c. an International student learning English _____
 - d. yourself _____
6. What is the worst present you have ever received – be honest! In English we can say many different things after we receive a gift. *Practice them in pairs:*
Person A: Gives Person B a present.
Person B: "Oh thank you"
"Oh it's just what I wanted!"
"Oh, I love it!"
"Oh, you shouldn't have!"
7. How old are the following well-known people? *In threes have a guess!* Tom Cruise? Kevin Rudd? The person next to you? Buddha? Jackie Chan? Confucius? Angelina Jolie? Jesus?
8. In your country, do you celebrate a birthday for someone famous? Whose birthdays do you celebrate? *In threes.*
9. In Australia we have two public holidays for two famous people: – the Queen's birthday and the birth of Jesus. The Queen will receive gifts on her birthday – like we do. But at Christmas, God gave us a gift, Jesus. The Bible tells us about that gift:
"For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, whoever believes in Him should not die but have eternal life." John 3 16

What does this mean? Discuss.

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