



PRESENTS AND GIVING

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Presents come in many forms and invariably people get different presents, so should there be a sense of justice or deserving to the distribution of presents? And what exactly is a present?

Resources

- ✓ A big present (or picture of)
- ✓ A small present
- ✓ A £10 note
- ✓ Nothing
- ✓ 4 puppets

Stimulus

Place 2 characters (or more) in the middle of the carpet and tell a brief story about it being Christmas and these are the presents they get (£10 and a big present). The children will probably have a fairly immediate response to that so I would suggest not having a direct question to start with, perhaps just ask if they have anything to say. Then see what comes up.

Follow up questions:

- ✓ Is money the better present?
- ✓ Is money a real present?
- ✓ What if it was wrapped up?

Emergent question

- ✓ What makes a good present?

Stimulus continued

Add in the other characters whenever you feel it is appropriate. One character has a small present and the other character has nothing.

Task question: Is that OK?

Emergent Questions

- ✓ Should some people get bigger presents?
- ✓ Should you get what you want? Or what you need?
- ✓ Is an empty box a present?
- ✓ Should some people get no presents?
- ✓ Should everybody get the same present?
- ✓ Is chocolate a good present? What if the present is something you love but it is bad for you?
- ✓ Should naughty children get presents?