

The Christmas gift experiment

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Is it better to receive a gift or to give one?

Watch the video as Father Christmas challenges people to do something unusual and wonderful!

Transcript

Woman: Yes, yes, yes ... I'm here to make your day!

5 minutes earlier ...

Woman: Hello?

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Santa: Merry Christmas!

Woman: Merry Christmas!

Man: It's Santa on the phone. Oh, brilliant!

Santa: How are you, my dear?

Woman: I'm good, Santa.

Santa: Marvellous. Would you like a little pressie for your Christmas?

Woman: Yeah, I'd like a present.

Women: Yes!

Santa: One thing, it's not for you.

Man: It's not actually for me?

Woman: That's not fair.

Woman: Why?

Santa: Because presents are for giving, not for receiving, wouldn't you agree?

Woman: Hee hee!

Santa: You could give it to them. It's going to be wonderful! Now, you see that gentleman with the

buggy? ... There's a lady with a blue coat ... Look upstairs, you see that gentleman? Chase after him, now ... with a big black bag. Run, now. Go, go, go!

Woman: 'Scuse me ...

Women: Over there!

Woman: Hi, I'd like to give you a present for Christmas.

Woman: This is for you. Merry Christmas!

Man: I don't know what it is.

Woman: So what's inside it?

Man: I don't know.

Boy: Here you go.

Woman: Do I have to?

Man: Ah, that's lovely! Thank you very much.

Woman: Oh look! Thank you very much.

Woman: Merry Christmas!

Woman: Thank you.

Woman: Merry Christmas!

Match the words that have the same or similar meaning
Write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... 'Scuse me! | a. Father Christmas |
| 2..... yay | b. present |
| 3..... pressie | c. pram |
| 4..... thanks | d. man |
| 5..... gentleman | e. Excuse me! |
| 6..... phone | f. yes |
| 7..... buggy | g. thank you |
| 8..... Santa | h. telephone |

Write a number (1–9) to put these events in order:

- They answer the phone.
- They give it to someone else.
- The present arrives.
- He asks if they want a present.
- Santa is on the phone.
- People hear a phone ring in the train station.
- Everyone wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.
- He explains the present isn't for them.
- He wishes them a Merry Christmas.