

Gift giving

Details

A Check (✓) the gift-giving occasions mentioned in the article.

- 1. anniversaries
- 2. birthdays
- 3. Christmas
- 4. graduations
- 5. naming ceremonies
- 6. to say “I’m sorry”
- 7. Valentine’s Day
- 8. weddings

Text organization

B Write the number of the paragraph where each sentence could go.

- 2 a. If I send a gift to someone, I expect to receive a gift in return.
- b. Because of this benefit, gift giving will probably continue for years to come.
- c. Some people also give gifts to friends and family when they return from trips.
- d. She gave presents that showed her personality as well as pleased the recipient.
- e. Giving a gift can communicate our feelings toward the recipient.

Context clues

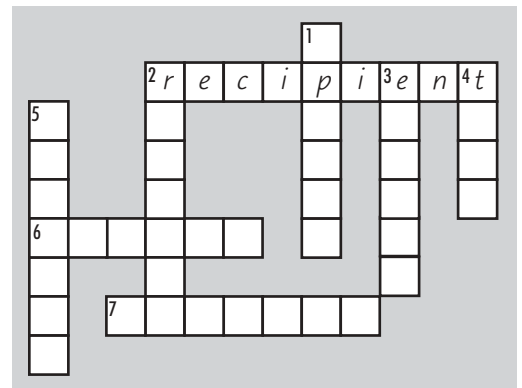
C Complete the crossword puzzle with words from the reading.

Across

- 2. The person who gets a gift is the _____.
(par. 3)
- 6. Gift giving is a kind of _____ obligation.
(par. 3)
- 7. Exchanging gifts has an emotional _____.
(par. 5)

Down

- 1. People exchange gifts with a positive _____.
(par. 5)
- 2. Weddings and birthdays _____ gifts. (par. 1)
- 3. Weddings and anniversaries are special _____. (par. 1)
- 4. People _____ to have special feelings about some gifts. (par. 4)
- 5. Another word for *gift* is a _____. (par. 3)



Modern day self-sacrifice

Source and purpose

A Circle the correct answers.

- Where did this letter appear?
 a. on a Website
 b. in the newspaper
 c. in a magazine
- Who wrote the letter?
 a. Dr. Laura
 b. a 15-year old boy
 c. a mother
- What is the purpose of the letter?
 a. to give advice about raising teenagers
 b. to explain how to choose good gifts
 c. to show an example of a loving teenager
- How does the writer achieve her purpose?
 a. by using examples
 b. by telling a story
 c. by using opinions

Details

B Find these adjectives in the reading. Who do they describe? Mark each adjective son (S) or mother (M).

- S 1. unselfish
 2. proud
 3. astonished
 4. shocked
 5. thrilled

Context clues

C Find the words in *italics* in the reading. Circle the meaning of each word.

- Restoring* something means you **take it to the store** / **fix it**. (par. 2)
- An *outfit* is a **group of clothing** / **special equipment**. (par. 3)
- If you make some *goodies*, you make **foods** / **gifts**. (par. 5)
- A *long-standing* joke is **very old** / **hard to understand**. (par. 6)
- An *extravagant* gift is **unusual** / **expensive**. (par. 7)
- If you are *thrilled*, you feel very **surprised** / **happy**. (par. 8)
- If something *dawns* on you, then you **understand it** / **see it in the daylight**. (par. 9)

CHALLENGE

D Underline all the adjectives in the reading.

Gifts for the hard to please

Details

A Find these words and phrases in the reading. Complete the diagrams.

3 C batteries	fits around your neck	small or large
Color Lock button	pleasant voice	smoke alarm
flashlight	plugs in	three LED lights



Vocabulary

B Find these words in the reading. Mark each word temperature (*T*), sound (*S*), or color (*C*).

- T 1. Fahrenheit
- 2. voice
- 3. alarm
- 4. spectrum
- 5. teal
- 6. cool
- 7. Celsius
- 8. violet

Details

C Check (✓) the correct column.

		True	False	Not in the text
1.	The <i>Talking</i> Travel Companion® was created by Sharper Image Design.	✓		
2.	The <i>Talking</i> Travel Companion® is expensive.			
3.	The Color Flow™ Light Show runs on batteries.			
4.	The Color Flow™ Light hides in your pocket.			
5.	The Personal Warm+Cool System™ comes in three different colors.			
6.	You wear the Personal Warm+Cool System™ around your neck.			