

gift1. [gift] *n*

1. 1) подарок, дар

birthday [Christmas] gift - подарок ко дню рождения [на рождество]

to make a (valuable) gift - сделать (ценный) подарок

to make smb. a gift of smth. - подарить кому-л. что-л.

at this price it's a gift! - за такую цену это просто подарок /даром/!

I wouldn't have it /take it/ at a gift /as a gift/ - я этого и даром не возьму, мне этого и даром не надо

he thinks he's God's gift to the human race - *урон.* он считает, что он своим существованием осчастливил человечество

2) дарение, передача в дар

deed of gift - дарственная

gift by will - легат (*наследственный отказ*)

gift mortis causa - дарение на случай смерти

the property came to me by free gift - это имущество досталось мне в дар

2. дарование; талант, способность

(to have) a gift for music [mathematics, languages] - (иметь) способности к музыке [математике, языкам]

gift of tongues - способность к языкам

the gift of pleasing - способность /талант/ завоевывать симпатии /угождать/

(to have) the gift of wit - быть от природы остроумным

the gift of (the) gab - бойкость речи

he has the gift of the gab - у него язык хорошо подвешен

to be a man of great gifts - быть очень талантливым человеком

to turn one's gift to account - использовать свой талант/свои способности

3. *уст.* право распределять (*приходы, должности*)

the post /office/ is not in his gift - ему не принадлежит право /он не уполномочен/ назначать на эту должность

it is not in my gift - это не в моей власти

◇ a gift from the Gods - удача

Greek gift - дары данайцев

to look a gift horse in the mouth - ≅ дарёному коню в зубы не смотрят

2. [gift] *v*

1. одарять, наделять

to be gifted by nature with great talent - быть от природы одарённым (большими талантами)

2. *уст.* дарить**gift**

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gift [gift gifts gifted **gifting**] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈɡɪft] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈɡɪft] ^ˈ**noun**

1. a thing that you give to sb, especially on a special occasion or to say thank you

Syn: ↑present

- The watch was a gift from my mother.
- Thank you for your generous gift.
- a **free gift** for every reader
- the gift of life
- (*formal*) The family **made a gift of** his paintings to the gallery.
- gifts of toys for the children

2. a natural ability

Syn: ↑talent

- ~ (**for sth**) She has a great gift for music.
- ~ (**for doing sth**) He has the gift of making friends easily.
- She can pick up a tune instantly on the piano. It's a gift.

3. **usually singular** (*informal*) a thing that is very easy to do or cheap to buy

- Their second goal was an absolute gift.
- At £500 it's a gift.

more at God's gift to sb/sth **at** ↑godWord Origin:Middle English: from Old Norse *gipt*; related to ↑give.Thesaurus:**gift** *noun*1. *C*

- There's a free gift for every reader.

present • • **donation** • • **contribution** • • **tip** • |*formal* **gratuity** • |*often disapproving* **handout** •a gift/present/donation/contribution/tip/gratuity/handout **for/from** sba gift/present/donation/contribution **to** sb/stha **birthday/wedding/anniversary/Christmas** gift/present**get/receive** a gift/present/donation/contribution/tip/gratuity/handout**Gift or present?** Especially in British English, **gift** is more formal than **present** and is used more in business contexts. A **present** is usually an object but a **gift** may be a sum of money, or sth such as **the gift of love/life**.

2. C

- She has a great gift for music

talent • • **ability** • • **flair** • • **aptitude** • |informal **knack** •

a/an gift/talent/flair/aptitude/knack **for** (doing) sth

a **natural/great** gift/talent/ability/flair/aptitude

have/develop a/the gift/talent/ability/flair/aptitude/knack

Gift or talent? **Gift** is used more about people's abilities in the arts, or in relationships; **talent** is used more of sb's abilities in business

- a gift for painting/languages/friendship
- a talent for diplomacy/figures/management

Example Bank:

- Her parents brought a set of spoons as a gift.
- Here are ten great gift ideas for your friends.
- New customers will receive a free gift pack containing a selection of our products.
- Please accept this small gift.
- She has a natural gift for music.
- She received lavish gifts of clothes and perfume.
- She wanted to make a gift to her grandchildren.
- Thank you all for your kind gifts.
- The children all received gifts.
- The golf clubs were her gift to her husband.
- The messengers brought the king a fine suit of armour as a gift.
- There were gifts for all the children.
- These little boxes make perfect hostess gifts.
- They gave each other gifts at Christmas.
- This vase was a gift from my mother.
- When you place your first order with us, we will send you a free gift.
- When you place your first order with us, we will send you the free gift of your choice.
- a gift set of shampoo, soap and hand cream
- an outfit that Aunt Marilyn gave as a baby shower gift
- his great gifts as a teacher
- the problem of what to do with unwanted gifts
- All such posts are in the gift of the managing director.
- By becoming a blood donor you will be making a vital gift of life to someone else.
- She can pick up a tune instantly on the piano— it's a gift she has.
- The gift of love is the greatest gift a person can give or receive.
- The party was originally funded by a gift of £50 000 from a top motor manufacturer.
- There's a free gift for every reader.
- a gift for drawing/painting/writing/drama/improvisation/languages/music
- a gift for friendship/teaching/humour/calming people down/bringing people together/healing

Idioms: ↑gift of the gab ▪ ↑in somebody's gift ▪ ↑in the gift of somebody ▪ ↑look a gift horse in the mouth

verb (BrE) (used especially in ↑journalism)

to give sth to sb without their having to make any effort to get it

- ~ **sb sth** They gifted their opponents a goal.
- ~ **sth to sb** They gifted a goal to their opponents.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	gift
	BrE /gɪft/
	NAme /gɪft/
he / she /it	gifts
	BrE /gɪfts/
	NAme /gɪfts/
past simple, past participle	gifted
	BrE /gɪftɪd/
	NAme /gɪftɪd/
-ing form	gifting
	BrE /gɪftɪŋ/
	NAme /gɪftɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse **gíft**; related to ↑give.

See also: ↑gift of gab

gift
gift **S2 W2** /gɪft/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse]

1. something that you give someone, for example to thank them or because you like them, especially on a special occasion **SYN**

present:

" The earrings were a gift from my aunt.

gift of

" a generous gift of £50

" The clock was given as a retirement gift when he left the police.

" expensive wedding gifts

" Enjoy a free gift with any purchase of \$20 or more.

" This excellent cookbook would make an ideal gift for anyone just going away to college.

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In everyday English, especially in British English, people usually say **present** rather than **gift**:

▪ These were a present from my boyfriend.

2.

a) a natural ability **SYN talent**

gift for

" a gift for languages

" He was a kind man, with a gift for forming lasting friendships.

gift of

" She has the rare gift of being able to laugh at herself.

b) an ability that is given to you by God

gift of

" He was said to have possessed the gift of prophecy.

" the use of spiritual gifts ⇒ ↑gifted

3. a **gift** *British English informal* something that is easier or cheaper than you expected:

" The third goal was an absolute gift.

4. **gift (from God)** something good you receive or something good that happens to you, even though you might not deserve it:

" This opportunity was a gift from God.

5. **the gift of the gab** *British English, the gift of gab American English informal* an ability to speak confidently and to persuade people to do what you want:

" Jo has always had the gift of the gab.

6. **be in sb's gift** *British English formal* if something is in your gift, you have the power to decide who it should be given to:

" All appointments to military and administrative posts were in the gift of the King.

7. **never/don't look a gift horse in the mouth** *spoken* used to tell someone to be grateful for something that has been given to them, instead of asking questions about it or finding something wrong with it

⇒ **God's gift to somebody/something** at ↑god(3)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **give somebody a gift** We gave her a gift on her birthday.

▪ **receive a gift** He received a gift from his aunt.

▪ **accept a gift** Sam accepted the gift on behalf of the school.

▪ **make somebody a gift of something** *formal* (=give someone something as a gift) Johnson made her a gift of a book.

▪ **wrap (up) a gift** She had bought and wrapped gifts for children in hospital.

▪ **shower somebody with gifts** (=give someone a lot of gifts) He showered her with gifts and exotic holidays.

▪ **exchange gifts** (=give someone a gift at the same time as they give you a gift) We exchange gifts on Christmas Day.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + gift

▪ **a birthday gift** The camera had been a 21st birthday gift from his parents.

▪ **a wedding gift** Some people prefer to give cash as a wedding gift.

▪ **a Christmas gift** Before 1940, most people did not wrap Christmas gifts.

▪ **a free gift** (=something that a shop or business gives you) If you spend over £50, you get a free gift.

▪ **the perfect/ideal gift for somebody** This book is the perfect gift for anybody who's interested in birds.

▪ **a suitable gift** What do you think would be a suitable gift for a 10-year-old boy?

▪ **a small gift** Here's a small gift to show our appreciation for all your hard work.

▪ **a generous gift** Her colleagues presented her with a generous gift when she retired.

▪ **a expensive gift** He was always showering Louise with expensive gifts.

▪ **a lavish gift** (=a large, impressive, or expensive gift) She received lavish gifts of jewellery and clothes.

▪ **a parting gift** (=a gift that you give someone when you leave/say goodbye) She brought him a parting gift.

▪ **an unwanted gift** You can take any unwanted gifts to charity shops.

■ gift + NOUN

▪ **a gift idea** Here is another gift idea with children in mind.

▪ **a gift shop** The gift shop was well stocked with souvenirs.

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THESAURUS

▪ **skill** [uncountable and countable] an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it: He plays the piano with great skill. | communication/language/computer etc skills | The course will help you improve your communication skills.

▪ **talent** [uncountable and countable] a natural ability to do something well which can be developed with practice: She was a young artist with a lot of talent. | She showed a talent for acting from an early age. | He is a man of many talents.

▪ **genius** [uncountable] very great ability, which only a few people have: The opera shows Mozart's genius as a composer. | Picasso was a painter of genius.

- **gift** [countable] a natural ability to do something very well, which you were born with: You can see that he has a gift for the game. | Winterson has great gifts as a writer.
- **flair** [singular, uncountable] skill for doing something, especially something that needs imagination and creativity: The job does require some creative flair. | She has a flair for languages.
- **expertise** [uncountable] specialized knowledge of a technical subject, which you get from experience of doing that type of work: The technical expertise for building the dam is being provided by a US company.
- **a/the knack** /næk/ [singular] *informal* a special skill for doing a particular thing, especially a simple everyday thing: Breading is easy once you get the knack. | He has a knack for making people feel relaxed.

gift

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