Giving Thanks

Time to open presents! You tear off the ribbon, rip open the paper, and find . . . more socks with goofy patterns. What do you do?

It can be hard to hide your disappointment if you receive a gift you're not excited about. What can help is deciding to be grateful *before* you open a gift. No matter what's inside, someone put time and effort into it. If you make up your mind to thank the giver for being thoughtful, your thanks will be sincere.

Then, show thankfulness with a handwritten note. Whether the gift-giver attended your party or sent a present, a thank-you note conveys kindness and respect. Even if you'd been hoping for new art supplies, you could tell Grandma that her socks will keep you warm on winter hikes.

When you let people know you appreciate them—and their generosity—you give the gift of gratitude. That's the best kind of gift—and it never goes out of style.

Help Sophie and Stella find 10 pairs of birthday presents with wrapping that matches.

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