

## The Birthday Present

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### Before reading

1. Look at the cover of the book. Are the girls happy?
2. What are they celebrating?
3. Do you like birthday parties?
4. Do you buy gifts for your friends or do you make them?

### Check your reading

#### Chapter 1

1. Are these sentences true or false? Check (✓) T (true) or F (false).

	T	F
a. Alice is a good student.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. She can't draw.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Alice's best friend is Tina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. When is Ellen's birthday party?

3. Who says these things?

"Ellen is a good girl." \_\_\_\_\_

"It's on the chair in the kitchen." \_\_\_\_\_

"Be careful with the money!" \_\_\_\_\_

#### Chapter 2

1. Alice buys some things at the mall. Check (✓) them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a dress  | <input type="checkbox"/> some magazines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a CD     | <input type="checkbox"/> some candy     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a blouse | <input type="checkbox"/> a bag          |

2. Alice sees a nice blouse for Ellen, but there is a problem. What is the problem?

#### Chapter 3

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

present      home      no      There

- a. At 7:00, Alice and her mother are at \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Alice's mother asks: "Where's the \_\_\_\_\_ for Ellen?"
- c. Alice says: " \_\_\_\_\_'s no more money."
- d. Alice's mother says: "I have \_\_\_\_\_ more money for Ellen's gift".

#### Chapter 4

Circle the correct words.

- a. Alice is happy/sad because she has no present for Ellen.
- b. Tina suggests that Alice gives Ellen her new CD/DVD.
- c. Alice says Ellen likes/doesn't like the singer.
- d. Tina suggests that Alice gives Ellen a picture/poster.
- e. Tina can/can't help Alice with the card.
- f. The girls finish the card in 20 minutes/one hour.

#### Chapter 5

1. Put the sentences in the correct order.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Ellen loves the picture and the card.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Alice gives Ellen her present.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Alice and Tina go to Ellen's birthday party.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The girls dance.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Tina gives Ellen her present.
2. For Ellen, what's more important than presents?

#### After reading

1. Look at the pictures in the book and tell the story using your own words.
2. Make a card to a friend and celebrate your friendship.
3. Write some sentences using these words:
  - a. friends, b. careful, c. present, d. important