

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Why do people give gifts?





Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
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This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
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perplexed
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excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
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fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposd
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below exploring the conversations around politicians receiving free gifts. Do you think Sir Keir Starmer is right to accept gifts?

What are the rules on UK politicians accepting gifts?

The ministerial code, which details what is expected of government ministers, states, 'no Minister should accept gifts, hospitality or services from anyone which would, or might appear to, place him or her under an obligation.' This means they are allowed to accept gifts, as long as they are not expected to do anything in return for the gift.

What Sir Keir Starmer said about accepting free football tickets.

I'm a massive Arsenal fan. I can't go into the stands because of security reasons. Therefore, if I don't accept a gift of hospitality [in the VIP area], I can't go to a game.

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer.

What are some of the gifts politicians have received in 2024?

Homeware (glasses and plates)



Taylor Swift tickets



Football match tickets



Holidays



Clothes





Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of gifts that are given around the world. Have you heard of any of these gifts or celebrations before?

In Finland, it's common for people to celebrate special occasions, like birthdays, with a trip to a **sauna**. Although it's not a material gift, it is considered a treat!



In Russia, **Name Day** (celebrating the feast day of the saint you were named after) is often more important than birthdays. People receive flowers or other small gifts on this day.



During Lunar New Year in China, children receive **red envelopes** with money inside to bring good fortune for the upcoming year.

In the Maasai culture of Kenya, giving **beaded jewellery** is a significant tradition. Each bead colour and pattern has meaning and often represents blessings, protection, or a sign of friendship.



**How do you think giving/receiving gifts makes people feel?
How might giving gifts impact these people and their relationships?**



Look at the resource below, where some people share their experience of showing gratitude. For each, discuss what they were grateful for and how they showed gratitude.

I was driving to see a friend when my car got a flat tyre. I managed to get to the side of the road and was about to phone for assistance when an amazing lady pulled up and offered to help me. She changed my tyre for me and I was able to continue my journey.

Afterwards, I wanted to show how grateful I was, but as I didn't know the lady, it was tricky. I wrote a post in my local community group on social media to explain what had happened and to say thank you. Lots of people commented about how kind the lady had been and eventually, she saw it too!



Jemima

I wrote some letters to thank several different people and charities in my local area that helped me in my time of need. I was struggling for lots of different reasons and I wanted them all to know the impact their kindness and generosity had on me. They helped make such a difference to my life.



Ben

My football coach is a volunteer. He gives up his time to coach us every week. As a team, we wanted to show him how much we appreciate him. We worked together to create a rap all about him and then performed it as a surprise at our last session of the season.



Brianna

My neighbour looked after my hamsters whilst I was away for a few days. To thank her, I painted her a portrait of her dog – she loved it!



Siti

I appreciate the people in my family so much. We all try our best to be there for each other for support, guidance and encouragement. We smile, wink, hug and actually say thank you to each other often.

Gregor

Can you think of any other ways of showing gratitude?



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Why do people give gifts?



Reflection



There are many reasons why people give and receive gifts. The purpose of the gifting can influence what and how we choose to give or receive.





**British
Values**



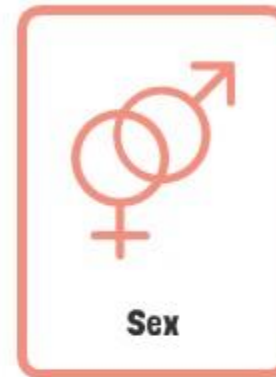
Rule of Law

The ministerial code is a set of rules that exists to ensure ministers act in the best interests of the general public. Rules can guide us on how to uphold values such as honesty and integrity.

Protected Characteristics



UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is British; this is his nationality. As leader of the government, he must ensure that people of all nationalities living in the UK are treated fairly.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief



UN Rights of the Child



Countries have their own rules and laws, alongside the UN rights. When acting in the interests of children, adults and governments must apply the laws or rights that best protect or benefit the child.



Useful vocabulary



Criticism

The pointing out of flaws or mistakes in something or someone that people disapprove of.

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Hospitality

Acts of generosity or friendly treatment, such as offering meals, gifts or entertainment.

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Influence

The power or ability to affect how someone thinks, feels, or acts.

The purpose of the gifting can **influence** what and how we choose to give or receive.

Influencers

People, often on social media, who have the power to affect the opinions, behaviour, or choices of others because they have a large following.

Can you think of other well-known people or **influencers** online who receive gifts?

Ministerial code

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Obligation

Something that you are required to do.

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Can you use them in your writing this week?

Magic Michael Rosen

Perhaps you are already familiar with children’s author, Michael Rosen. He has recently been very busy meeting young book lovers in Jersey, an island just off the south coast of England. At a special event in the town library, Michael read his famous story *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt* – but with a local twist! He performed parts of the story in Jèrriais, a traditional language from Jersey, which made the audience cheer with delight. Talking about why he continues to write and perform, Michael said, ‘It’s fun apart from anything else – I just have lovely fun!’ Michael is in Jersey for the 2024 Festival of

Words. He’s excited to see young people enjoying stories and believes they’re writing more than ever, through social media and texting. ‘When I see children laugh and enjoy stories, it feels like magic,’ he added.



Pictured: Michael Rosen reading his famous story, *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*.
Source: @JerseyWordFest on X.

World Leaders Meet

Leaders from around the world are meeting at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York City, to talk about big problems facing the planet. The UN was created after World War II to help countries work together for peace, human rights, and helping people in need. Today, almost every country in the world is a member, and when issues or problems arise, the UN is one of the first places where countries share their concerns. This year, the UN will meet for the 79th time! There are many important issues to discuss,



Pictured: Debating at UN Headquarters in New York, USA. **Source:** @UN on X.

such as wars and the climate crisis. Leaders will also discuss new rules to keep artificial intelligence (AI) safe and helpful for everyone. UN leader António Guterres said, ‘It’s not just about signing agreements, it’s about taking action.’

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?

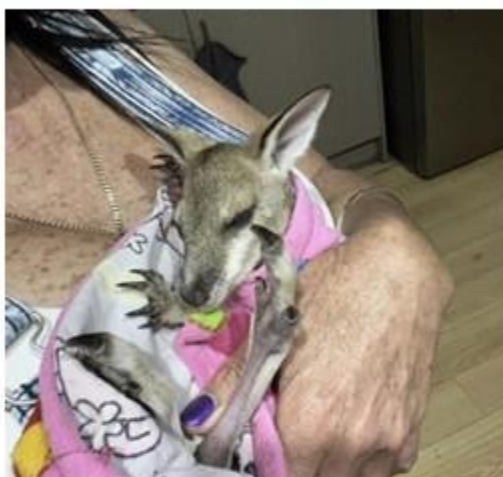


I think it is important because it helps to understand why they write these books.

Shannay

Cozy Joeys!

Incubators, donated by a local hospital, are helping to care for orphaned baby kangaroos in Australia. The humidicribs, that previously cared for premature babies, are now being used by Mandy Watson at Kununurra Kangaroo Rescue Haven in East Kimberly. The cribs imitate the conditions of a mother kangaroo's pouch, where baby kangaroos, called joeys, live for the first eight months of their lives. Kangaroo Haven rescues, rehabilitates and releases orphaned and injured wildlife. Mandy explained, 'In 20 years, we've released 823 back into the wild. It's really hard, especially in the dry season, for us to keep up that constant temperature.'



Pictured: Rescued Joeys being cared for at the centre. **Source:** Kangaroo Haven Wildlife Rescue on Facebook.

The incubators were donated after paediatric nurse, Jane Darlington, saw a volunteer raising awareness of the rescue centre while she was shopping. Jane realised she could help save lives as, luckily for the centre, Kununurra District Hospital needed to replace outdated incubators with more modern versions. 'It was very cute and caught my attention [...] I'm very pleased we've been able to give [the incubator] to somebody [who will] use it.'

Can you think of a way to help a rescue centre near you?



Timed Tricks

Teenage magician, Cillian O'Connor from County Meath in Ireland, is celebrating after completing 28 magic tricks in 60 seconds! The former Britain's Got Talent contestant now holds the world record for the most magic tricks performed in one minute (under 16 category). The 15-year-old's set involved making a wand appear out of nowhere, a trick that changed the colour of two pieces of silk, and making pencils disappear. Cillian often talks about difficulties with socialising and why he became a magician: 'I was looking for something to help me engage and interact with people, and I thought maybe magic would help. The rest, as they say, is history. Magic has allowed me to interact more with people. I've also made friends with similar interests and travelled to the most amazing places.' Looking to the future, he added, 'I hope by sharing my



Pictured: Cillian O'Connor with his Guinness World Record certificate. **Source:** Cillian O'Connor on Facebook.

story that I can inspire other kids. I would love to be able to bring magic into schools, as a form of therapy someday.' Cillian says he loves to perform with playing cards, 'My favourite magic trick is a card trick called Triumph, by Dai Vernon.'

Do you know any magic tricks?

How many do you think you could perform in one minute?

How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



It is important to know the author behind the book because they might relate it to their culture or even what has happened in their life or where they are from, their happiness and their struggles.

Ibrahim

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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