

Theme: Feelings

An Unexpected Present

A few days before Christmas, a postal worker delivered a large parcel addressed to me. I had never received any Christmas present by mail before, so I was pleasantly surprised.

The unexpected present set me wondering who the sender was. I could not think of anyone! Just then, I noticed a Christmas card attached to the present. It was from 'a very grateful Mr Woods'.

Mr Woods was the gentleman to whom I had returned a wallet a few months ago. I had picked up a wallet by the roadside. The wallet contained an identity card and a few hundred dollars. I went to the address on the identity card and returned the wallet personally to the owner, Mr Woods. He wanted to give me a hundred dollars as a reward for my honesty. Politely, I declined his generous offer.

Mr Woods was a friendly man and we became good friends. During our conversation, we learnt that both of us liked playing chess. We played a game of chess, but I lost. After that, we played a few more games. He was an expert in playing chess. Although I lost most of the time, I was glad to be able to learn more new tactics from him. A few hours passed very quickly and I had to leave as it was about dinnertime. Before I left, we exchanged telephone numbers and promised to keep in touch. From then on, I visited him regularly.

Mr Woods had decided to send me a Christmas present as a token of his gratitude. Without getting his wallet back, he would have lost everything important inside. I opened the parcel and was surprised to find a porcelain chess set! Immediately, I telephoned Mr Woods and thanked him for his wonderful gift.