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CEO loses case to get back gifts from ex-girlfriend

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

A man in Singapore has lost a court case to get back hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had showered on his ex-girlfriend. The man, Mr X, is a company CEO. His ex, Ms Y, was a flight attendant. The two met during a flight in 2019. Mr X became besotted with Ms Y and started giving her lavish gifts to win her affection. He said he also gave her cash "loans". The court said the value of the presents and additional loans amounted to \$369,200. The presiding judge said that Mr X had "displayed a consistent pattern of showering [Ms Y] with lavish gifts". The judge said there had been no expectation that Ms Y would have to repay any of the money or return the gifts.

The couple were involved in a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an affair. He argued in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums, to pay for overseas trips, and to seek the advice of a feng shui master to assess her apartment. However, there was no documentary evidence to prove this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and affection". The judge concluded that Mr X had been "smitten" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on a sour note, [Mr X] became embittered and was determined to extract a price from [Ms Y]."

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WARM-UPS

1. GIFTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about gifts. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

court case / gifts / CEO / flight attendant / cash / loans / besotted / pattern / money / couple / romantic / relationship / having an affair / insurance / feng shui / affection

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HAND-MADE GIFTS: Students A **strongly** believe hand-made gifts are best; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RELATIONSHIPS: How can you keep a romantic relationship going? Do you do these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How?	You
Communication		
Dating		
Saying "Thank you"		
Gifts		
Shared housework		
Trust		

5. DOLLARS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "dollars". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LAVISH GIFTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best gifts at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Expensive watch
- Fine jewellery
- Luxury hotel stay
- Helicopter tour
- Designer handbag
- Diamond bracelet
- 5-star restaurant meal
- Made-to-order shoes

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. case | a. Something that someone thinks will happen or should happen. |
| 2. showered | b. A legal disagreement that is decided by a court. |
| 3. besotted | c. The judge who leads a court case. |
| 4. lavish | d. Gave someone a lot of something, like gifts or praise. |
| 5. presiding | e. Very expensive or generous. |
| 6. consistent | f. Very strongly attracted to someone and unable to think about much else. |
| 7. expectation | g. Happening in the same way again and again. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. involved | h. Having a romantic relationship with someone. |
| 9. split up | i. Feeling very angry and unhappy because of something that happened. |
| 10. suspected | j. Ended a relationship. |
| 11. affair | k. Information that shows whether something is true. |
| 12. premiums | l. Thought that something was probably true. |
| 13. evidence | m. A romantic relationship that one person has secretly had with someone else. |
| 14. embittered | n. Money paid regularly for insurance. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A man in Singapore gave his ex-girlfriend an expensive shower. **T / F**
2. The man's ex-girlfriend was an airline pilot. **T / F**
3. The man and the woman met on an airplane. **T / F**
4. The judge suggested the woman could return the gifts in the future. **T / F**
5. The couple dated for just over a year. **T / F**
6. The man said the woman asked for money for a feng shui assessment. **T / F**
7. The man produced documentary evidence, but it was not enough. **T / F**
8. The relationship ended on a sour note. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. get back | a. regular payments |
| 2. showered | b. steady |
| 3. besotted | c. fondness |
| 4. consistent | d. lavished |
| 5. lavish | e. demonstrate |
| 6. romantic | f. luxurious |
| 7. premiums | g. retrieve |
| 8. prove | h. resentful |
| 9. affection | i. in love |
| 10. embittered | j. intimate |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. A man in Singapore has lost | a. romantic relationship |
| 2. The two met | b. and additional loans |
| 3. started giving her lavish gifts to | c. to prove this |
| 4. the value of the presents | d. win her affection |
| 5. Mr X had displayed | e. premiums |
| 6. The couple were involved in a | f. a consistent pattern |
| 7. Mr X suspected Ms Y of | g. a court case |
| 8. life insurance | h. note |
| 9. there was no documentary evidence | i. during a flight in 2019 |
| 10. their relationship ended on a sour | j. having an affair |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

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flight
expectation
lavish
presiding
case
repay
showered
additional

The couple were (9) _____ in a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an affair. He (10) _____ in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance (11) _____, to pay for overseas trips, and to seek the advice of a feng shui master to (12) _____ her apartment. However, there was no documentary (13) _____ to prove this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and (14) _____". The judge concluded that Mr X had been "(15) _____" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on a (16) _____ note, [Mr X] became embittered and was determined to extract a price from [Ms Y]."

premiums
evidence
involved
smitten
assess
sour
argued
affection

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had showered _____
 - a. on his ex-girlfriend
 - b. in his ex-girlfriend
 - c. and ex-girlfriend
 - d. to ex-girlfriend
- 2) Mr X became besotted with Ms Y and started giving her lavish gifts to _____
 - a. win her affection
 - b. wine her affection
 - c. winner affection
 - d. win the affection
- 3) The court said the value of the presents and additional loans _____
 - a. amounted too \$369,200
 - b. amounted two \$369,200
 - c. amounted to \$369,200
 - d. amounted at \$369,200
- 4) Mr X had displayed a consistent pattern of showering Ms Y _____
 - a. with slavish gifts
 - b. with latish gifts
 - c. with lavish gifts
 - d. with lava gifts
- 5) no expectation that Ms Y would have to repay any of the money or _____
 - a. returns the gifts
 - b. return the gifts
 - c. returned the gifts
 - d. returning the gifts
- 6) They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of _____
 - a. having an affair
 - b. having an afar
 - c. having an after
 - d. having an affront
- 7) seek the advice of a feng shui master to _____
 - a. asses her apartment
 - b. excess her apartment
 - c. abscess her apartment
 - d. assess her apartment
- 8) Ms Y said all gifts were made out of _____
 - a. love end affection
 - b. loves and affection
 - c. loved and affection
 - d. love and affection
- 9) Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on _____
 - a. a soar note
 - b. as hour note
 - c. a sour note
 - d. as our note
- 10) Mr X became embittered and was determined to _____
 - a. exact a price
 - b. extract a price
 - c. exactly a price
 - d. excerpt a price

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The couple (7) _____ a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of (8) _____. He argued in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums, to pay for overseas trips, and to (9) _____ of a feng shui master to assess her apartment. However, there was no documentary evidence to prove this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of (10) _____. The judge concluded that Mr X had been "smitten" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on (11) _____, [Mr X] became embittered and (12) _____ extract a price from [Ms Y]."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

1. What is the man's job?
2. Where did the couple in the article meet?
3. What did the man want to win?
4. What did the man say he gave the woman besides gifts?
5. Who said the man had showered the woman with lavish gifts?
6. For how long did the couple date?
7. What did the man suspect the woman of having?
8. What did the woman want a feng shui master to assess?
9. What did the man not have to prove his case?
10. On what kind of note did the relationship end?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

- 1) What is the man's job?
 - a) flight attendant
 - b) airline pilot
 - c) company CEO
 - d) relationship counsellor
- 2) Where did the couple in the article meet?
 - a) on an airplane
 - b) on a ship
 - c) at a party
 - d) in Singapore
- 3) What did the man want to win?
 - a) the woman's affection
 - b) a running race
 - c) the lottery
 - d) the woman's hand in marriage
- 4) What did the man say he gave the woman besides gifts?
 - a) his love
 - b) cash loans
 - c) an apartment
 - d) a luxury car
- 5) Who said the man had showered the woman with lavish gifts?
 - a) a flight attendant
 - b) a jewellery shop
 - c) a financial advisor
 - d) the presiding judge
- 6) For how long did the couple date?
 - a) two years
 - b) just over a year
 - c) six months
 - d) just a few weeks
- 7) What did the man suspect the woman of having?
 - a) an affair
 - b) a secret bank account
 - c) designs on his job
 - d) huge debts
- 8) What did the woman want a feng shui master to assess?
 - a) her chances of love
 - b) her life
 - c) her apartment
 - d) her career opportunities
- 9) What did the man not have to prove his case?
 - a) recordings
 - b) video footage
 - c) time
 - d) documentary evidence
- 10) On what kind of note did the relationship end?
 - a) a sour note
 - b) a brief note
 - c) a mental note
 - d) a ransom note

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Expensive Watch

You think an expensive watch is the best present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a luxury hotel stay, a helicopter tour or a designer handbag.

Role B – Luxury Hotel Stay

You think a luxury hotel stay is the best present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an expensive watch, a helicopter tour or a designer handbag.

Role C – A Helicopter Tour

You think a helicopter tour is the best present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a luxury hotel stay, an expensive watch or a designer handbag.

Role D – A Designer Handbag

You think a designer handbag is the best present. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a luxury hotel stay, a helicopter tour or an expensive watch.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'gift' and 'romantic'.

gift	romantic
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• lost • met • win • value • displayed • repay	• involved • split • free • seek • prove • sour
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GIFTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about gifts in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

GIFTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'gift'?
3. How often do you receive gifts?
4. What gifts do you give to other people?
5. What are the best kinds of gifts?
6. Are gifts that you make yourself best?
7. What really expensive gift would you like to receive?
8. How important is it to give gifts?
9. Have you ever received a gift you didn't like?
10. What advice do you have for Mr X?

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GIFTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'relationship'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is it better to give or receive?
15. What's the best gift you've ever been given?
16. Is it OK to keep the gifts from ex-partners?
17. What is the culture of gift-giving in your country?
18. Is money or a present the best gift?
19. Should Ms Y have returned the gifts?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr X?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The couple were involved (7) _____ a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an (8) _____. He argued in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums, to pay for overseas trips, and to (9) _____ the advice of a feng shui master to assess her apartment. However, there was no documentary evidence to (10) _____ this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and affection". The judge concluded that Mr X had been "(11) _____" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on a sour note, [Mr X] became (12) _____ and was determined to extract a price from [Ms Y]."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) bag | (b) box | (c) case | (d) file |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) under | (d) among |
| 3. | (a) with | (b) at | (c) as | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) cash | (b) encash | (c) cashed | (d) cashes |
| 5. | (a) upped | (b) amounted | (c) plussed | (d) additional |
| 6. | (a) none | (b) not | (c) never | (d) no |
| 7. | (a) up | (b) as | (c) in | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) undertaking | (b) incident | (c) ordeal | (d) affair |
| 9. | (a) seek | (b) reek | (c) meek | (d) leek |
| 10. | (a) proof | (b) prove | (c) improve | (d) improvise |
| 11. | (a) mitten | (b) smitten | (c) smite | (d) molten |
| 12. | (a) bittered | (b) bitten | (c) embittered | (d) bitters |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. gifts that he had srheowde on his ex-girlfriend
2. Mr X became tsetdbeo with Ms Y
3. lvshai gifts
4. win her econffita
5. Mr X had displayed a osntceinst pattern
6. there had been no eaioptecnx

Paragraph 2

7. The couple were nveodvli in a romantic relationship
8. life insurance mrmpiues
9. no tconuyamder evidence to prove this
10. The judge concluded that Mr X had been nstietm by Ms Y
11. Mr X became erdtieemtb
12. enemreditd to extract a price from Ms Y

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A man in Singapore has lost a court case to get back hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had
- () amounted to \$369,200. The presiding judge said that Mr X had "displayed a consistent pattern
- () affection. He said he also gave her cash "loans". The court said the value of the presents and additional loans
- () concluded that Mr X had been "smitten" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on a sour
- () evidence to prove this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and affection". The judge
- () free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums, to pay for overseas
- () met during a flight in 2019. Mr X became besotted with Ms Y and started giving her lavish gifts to win her
- () note, [Mr X] became embittered and was determined to extract a price from [Ms Y]."
- () of showering [Ms Y] with lavish gifts". The judge said there had been no expectation
- () showered on his ex-girlfriend. The man, Mr X, is a company CEO. His ex, Ms Y, was a flight attendant. The two
- () that Ms Y would have to repay any of the money or return the gifts.
- () The couple were involved in a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split
- () trips, and to seek the advice of a feng shui master to assess her apartment. However, there was no documentary
- () up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an affair. He argued in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. man A a case court in lost Singapore .
2. affection Giving her lavish to win gifts her .
3. additional and loans presents The of value the .
4. A gifts her lavish of pattern showering with .
5. any money or Repay return the gifts .
6. a couple involved relationship The were in romantic .
7. affair He having her of suspected an .
8. advice a feng master of shui Seek the .
9. by concluded He smitten that Mr X was Ms Y .
10. ended Unfortunately, on relationship sour their note a .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A man in Singapore has lost a court *casing* / *case* to get back hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had *showered* / *showed* on his ex-girlfriend. The man, Mr X, is a company CEO. His ex, Ms Y, was a flight attendant. The two met *among* / *during* a flight in 2019. Mr X became *belittled* / *besotted* with Ms Y and started giving her lavish gifts to *beat* / *win* her affection. He said he also gave her *cash* / *encash* "loans". The court said the value *of* / *at* the presents and additional loans amounted *for* / *to* \$369,200. The presiding judge said that Mr X had "displayed a consistent pattern *to* / *of* showering [Ms Y] with lavish gifts". The judge said there had been no expectation that Ms Y would have to repay *many* / *any* of the money or return the gifts.

The couple were involved *on* / *in* a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split *down* / *up* after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an affair. He argued *in* / *on* court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and *life* / *live* insurance premiums, to pay for overseas trips, and to *seek* / *meek* the advice of a feng shui master to *excess* / *assess* her apartment. However, there was no documentary evidence to *prove* / *proof* this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and *infection* / *affection*". The judge concluded that Mr X had been "smitten" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended *on* / *in* a sour note, [Mr X] became embittered and was *determining* / *determined* to extract a price from [Ms Y]."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ m_n _n S_ng_p_r_ h_s l_st _ c__rt c_s_ t_ g_t
b_ck h_ndr_ds _f th__s_nds _f d_ll_rs _f g_fts th_t h_
h_d sh_w_r_d _n h_s _x-g_rlfr__nd. Th_ m_n, Mr X,
_s _ c_m_p_ny C__. H_s _x, Ms Y, w_s _ fl_gh_t
_tt_nd_nt. Th_ tw_ m_t d_r_ng _ fl_gh_t _n 2019. Mr
X b_c_m_ b_s_tt_d w_th Ms Y _nd st_rt_d g_v_ng h_r
l_v_sh g_fts t_ w_n h_r _ff_ct__n. H_ s__d h_ _ls_
g_v_ h_r c_sh "l__ns". Th_ c__rt s__d th_ v_l__ _f
th_ pr_s_nts _nd _dd_t__n_l l__ns _m__nt_d t_
\$369,200. Th_ pr_s_d_ng j_dg_ s__d th_t Mr X h_d
"d_spl_y_d _ c_ns_st_nt p_tt_rn _f sh_w_r_ng [Ms Y]
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

a man in singapore has lost a court case to get back hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had showered on his exgirlfriend the man mr x is a company ceo his ex ms y was a flight attendant the two met during a flight in 2019 mr x became besotted with ms y and started giving her lavish gifts to win her affection he said he also gave her cash loans the court said the value of the presents and additional loans amounted to 369200 the presiding judge said that mr x had displayed a consistent pattern of showering ms y with lavish gifts the judge said there had been no expectation that ms y would have to repay any of the money or return the gifts

the couple were involved in a romantic relationship for just over a year they split up after mr x suspected ms y of having an affair he argued in court that his expartner had requested interestfree loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums to pay for overseas trips and to seek the advice of a feng shui master to assess her apartment however there was no documentary evidence to prove this ms y said all gifts were made out of love and affection the judge concluded that mr x had been smitten by ms y he added unfortunately when their relationship ended on a sour note mr x became embittered and was determined to extract a price from ms y

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A man in Singapore has lost a court case to get back hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifts that he had showered on his ex-girlfriend. The man, Mr X, is a company CEO. His ex, Ms Y, was a flight attendant. The two met during a flight in 2019. Mr X became besotted with Ms Y and started giving her lavish gifts to win her affection. He said he also gave her cash "loans". The court said the value of the presents and additional loans amounted to \$369,200. The presiding judge said that Mr X had "displayed a consistent pattern of showering [Ms Y] with lavish gifts". The judge said there had been no expectation that Ms Y would have to repay any of the money or return the gifts. The couple were involved in a romantic relationship for just over a year. They split up after Mr X suspected Ms Y of having an affair. He argued in court that his ex-partner had requested interest-free loans to repay her credit cards and life insurance premiums, to pay for overseas trips, and to seek the advice of a feng shui master to assess her apartment. However, there was no documentary evidence to prove this. Ms Y said all gifts were "made out of love and affection". The judge concluded that Mr X had been "smitten" by Ms Y. He added: "Unfortunately, when their relationship ended on a sour note, [Mr X] became embittered and was determined to extract a price from [Ms Y]."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

Write about **gifts** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260914-lavish-gifts.html>

Home-made cakes and sweets are the best gifts. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GIFTS: Make a poster about gifts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HOME-MADE GIFTS: Write a magazine article about home-made gifts being best. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree with this and people who disagree with this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on gifts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on the best gifts. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. f
6. j	7. a	8. e	9. c	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Company CEO
2. On an airplane
3. The woman's affection
4. Cash loans
5. The presiding judge
6. Just over a year
7. An affair
8. Her apartment
9. Documentary evidence
10. A sour note

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A man in Singapore lost a court case.
2. Giving her lavish gifts to win her affection.
3. The value of the presents and additional loans.
4. A pattern of showering her with lavish gifts.
5. Repay any money or return the gifts.
6. The couple were involved in a romantic relationship.
7. He suspected her of having an affair.
8. Seek the advice of a feng shui master.
9. He concluded that Mr X was smitten by Ms Y.
10. Unfortunately, their relationship ended on a sour note.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)