



UW Adopt a Family Gift Ideas By Age Group



Birth to Age 3

There is so much learning and development going on at these ages. Toys that support fine motor, social and language skills are important. Toys that stimulate the senses and help build physical strength are also good.

Examples: dolls, trucks, musical toys, talking toys, activity books, pretend play toys (strollers, vacuums, farms), balls, shape sorters, play mat, teething toys, bath toys

Ages 4-7

Toys that activate the brain, muscles and reflexes are important during this stage of development. Kids at these ages like crafts, to build things and to tear things down.

Examples: Barbie dolls and accessories, action figures, art or craft projects and supplies, Legos, dress-up items, building toys, board games, puzzles

Ages 8-12

Kids at these ages are developing strong memories, favorite hobbies and lasting friendships. Toys that support their communication skills, Imagination and vocabulary are helpful.

Examples: remote control cars, sports balls and equipment, Legos, Nerf toys, board and card games, science experiments, arts and craft projects, jewelry kits, posters, music, shoes or gift card for a pair, school items

Teens

Teens are independent and invested in their individual identity. Their wish lists can be very specific; with clothing, it is recommended that adopters stick to basics—solid colors and classic pieces.

Examples: clothing, jewelry, music, electronic items, board games, sports equipment, make-up, art or craft projects, shoes or gift card for a pair, hair accessories, gift cards for haircut or manicure, movie theater gift cards, fast food gift cards