

SITUATION

The quinceañera party is over and María received many gifts. Her parents kept a list of each gift and the name of the giver.



task

Using the list sent by María's parents, help her write thank you cards to friends and relatives who brought a gift to her party. Your teacher will assign you a gift.



standards

Communication (Presentational Mode)
Cultures (Practices)



benchmarks

CM-3-B3 Giving short written messages about people, events, places, and things
CL-1-E5 Integrating culturally embedded words, phrases, and idioms in everyday communication



materials

- student worksheet
- transparency: sample thank you card



activation

Ask students to think of the occasions or celebrations in which gifts are expected. Ask several students what they got for their last birthday. Write these items on the board.



information

Discuss what gifts might be appropriate for a 15 year old girl. Show the transparency of sample thank you cards with the various elements such as date, greeting, closing, etc. Give some samples that can be used for these elements.

Example:

Querido, Estimado, Distinguido
con cariño, con amor, atentamente, constantemente, etc.

Point out how the date is written in Spanish with the day preceding the month.



student task

Tell students they will help María write thank you cards. Assign a "gift" and a "name" to each student and have them write a note for María.



feedback

Have students exchange cards and put a check on the three main elements (date, opening, and closing) of their classmate's card.

Nombre _____

Instructions: Choose a gift from the list below and write a thank you card for the gift María received. Elaborate on the card with a description of the gift. Be sure to include a culturally appropriate greeting and closing.

GIFTS:

blusa
zapatos
libros
vestido
anillo
pulsera
chaqueta
cobija
mochila
cristal

NAME:

Tía Josefina García
Don Javier Gómez
Marta Segovia
La familia Díaz
Los padres
Estela Garona
Jorge Miguel Rodríguez
Abuelos Israel y Zaida Domínguez
Juan Gabriel Bracho
Mauricio & Patricia Lopez

THANK YOU CARD:

Sample thank you card:

el 17 de agosto

Estimado José Enrique Cruz,

Le quiero agradecer por la blusa que me regaló. El color es muy bonito y me queda muy bien.

Cuando empiece la escuela, la voy a llevar el primer día.

Gracias por su bondad y atención.

Atentamente,

Components of a thank you card:

María ...
Dirección de María
Ciudad, Estado
Código postal

Fecha

Dirección de la persona que recibirá la carta

Calle ...

Colonia ...

Ciudad, Estado

Código postal

Distinguida Doctora Miranda:

Quisiéra agradecerle las atenciones que tuvo conmigo.

Muchísimas gracias,

María ...