



## Posting a Birthday Gift Project

### Due Date: Monday, September 30

This is an optional activity, but all students are encouraged to participate

Your twin cousins, who live in London, will be turning eight in three weeks time. Your parents have asked you to choose a suitable birthday gift for them both. You would like to send them either a basketball or a scooter each but need to research the cost of purchasing and posting these gifts through the U.S. Postal Service.

Requirements:

1. Research the cost to purchase two basketballs and two scooters suitable for eight year olds from a toy or sports store. You can visit a store, use shopping catalogues or use the Internet. Present your findings in a chart or table.
2. Visit a Post Office, in person or online, and research the cost to post the gifts to London. You will need to take into consideration the size and weight of each gift, how you will package them, and the best way to send them so that they will arrive in time for the twin's birthday. Create a chart or table showing two possible options for packaging and posting each type of gift.
3. Based on your research write a recommendation to your parents explaining what you think is the best present(s) to send and its price(s), the best postage option, and the date the presents need to be posted by. Be sure to include all your calculations and explain your reasoning.
4. Ask a friend or family member to read your recommendation letter. Have you used correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar and paragraphing. Edit your work as needed.
5. Present your project in a very organized and effective way. Be creative!  
[Examples: Keynote slide show, poster board, booklet, pamphlet]