The Honest Gift Response

Acknowledge the giver without inventing a preference.

Honest courtesy respects the giver and leaves suitability decisions with responsible adults.

Example: a child receives a duplicate puzzle, thanks the giver for thinking of them, and privately asks a parent to check the actual exchange option.

01 Notice what is true

Acknowledge effort without fake enthusiasm.

Actual gift or occasion

True effort to appreciate

Words that would be untrue

Suitable thank-you form

02 Prepare the receiving moment

Keep the public response modest.

Child's truthful thank-you

Adult quiet prompt

Unkind words to repair if spoken

Private conversation time

The Honest Gift Response / Review & follow-through

03 Consider the item privately

Use actual constraints and permission.

Reason item is unsuitable

Giver expectation to confirm

Actual exchange rule to check

Adult who makes the decision

04 Complete the chosen response

Review conduct and follow-through.

Keep / exchange / pass along decision

Necessary adult communication

Action actually completed

Words to practice next time