

Pip the Penguin's Just-Because Gift

A Mini Mini Story by Skipper-Bloo

Pip the Penguin did not check the calendar.
No circles. No stars. No reminders. Nope.
Instead, he just thought of his friend Ollie.

Pip remembered how Ollie had waited
for him yesterday
and how he shared the last cookie
without being asked.

So Pip decided he would make a
small gift for Ollie, just because.
Nothing fancy. Nothing planned.
Just because.



When Ollie saw the gift, he blinked.
He said, surprised, “Wait... is today a special day?”

Pip just shook his head and proudly smiled.
Ollie held on to the gift and smiled too. He was very happy.

“Thank you!” said Ollie. “I love it! But why?”
“Just because,” answered Pip. “Just because.”

Ollie couldn’t remember ever getting a gift just because.
And somehow, that made it even more special.

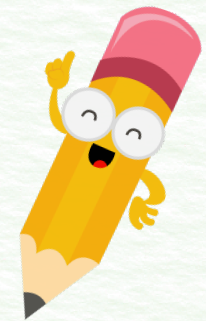
Pip couldn’t remember giving a gift just because either.
And somehow, that made giving feel even better!



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Questions:

- What do you think Ollie's gift might be?
- Have you ever given a gift just because?
- What was it?
- How did it make you feel?



Have telling your parents what you think!

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