

➤ Cue Card

Describe a time when you received money as a gift

You should say:

- When it was**
- Who gave you the money**
- Why he/she gave you the money**
- And explain what you did with the money**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



I was growing up = good use of the past continuous

I would get = good use of 'would' for repeated actions in the past

I had asked for = good use of past perfect for an action before another action in the past

tricky = difficult

suitable = appropriate; possible

to pester = to repeatedly ask something or for something

Obviously = clearly

not feel comfortable with = not feel happy about

and suchlike = and other similar things

vulgar = rude; bad-mannered

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delighted = very happy

left over = left; remaining

particularly = very

well off = rich

to refuse = to say no

offended = unhappy and annoyed

gratefully = showing lots of appreciation and thanks

to infuriate = to make someone very angry

hard-earned money = they worked hard to get it

to squander something on something = to waste money

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