

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone G.B.Stem, author

# #Madeuthank

WHAT WE'RE ALL SAYING

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## THAN-KING YOU

How wonderful it was to hear the Prince William helping a dignitary to his feet after he fell to the ground during a visit to a school in Harlow last week. He didn't need to do that, and broke with royal protocol to come to the man's rescue. He deserves a big thank you! He'll make a fine king one day.  
#Dave Masters, London



CADBURY ROSES ARE THE PERFECT GIFT TO SAY "THANK YOU." A DELICIOUS ASSORTMENT OF MILK AND DARK CHOCOLATES.



# Are we losing the art of saying "thank you"?

## RECOGNISE SMALL ACTS

It was heartwarming to hear the story about a mystery donor who pledged £150,000 to allow a leukaemia sufferer to continue his cancer treatment. These random acts of kindness show there are people out there not motivated by attention of fame. But he is a genuine hero who should be thanked!  
**Bill Dodwell, Cheltenham**

I had never heard of Ariana Grande before the Manchester Arena atrocity, but when she hosted the One Love concert I was truly amazed at what a beautiful, caring young woman she is. When she sang with the Parris Wood High School Choir I had to reach for the tissues! Let's give Ariana the Freedom of the City to show our appreciation.  
**Ann Hoggarth, Hull**

## THE BIG ISSUE

Social media has made it easier than ever to say "thank you". But in today's technology-obsessed world, have we forgotten how important it is to thank someone in a meaningful way? You think so...



a waiter or waitress, or even someone opening the door for you.  
**L Bennett, Harrow, Gtr London**

or lending a helping hand come full circle.  
**Keith Potts, Hull**

Many criticisms have been lobbed at our too-fast, too-rude, not-grateful-enough society, and some of them are well-deserved. These days, if someone does a selfless thing for you, many people think an email is sufficient.  
**Martin McCaul Leigh, Gtr Manchester**

Being thanked with a click devalues the personal art of saying "thank you". Send someone a card, or even better, thank them in person, with a gift.  
**Frank Keys, Northampton**

The very act of sending a thank-you gift acknowledges that the person you're sending it to sacrificed time for you. Your pressie makes the warm fuzzies they felt when picking out your gift



**Dean Matthewson, West Sussex**

To this day I still hear my Mother's voice in my head each time I receive a gift, or do something that may need a thank you card. I have a stack of personalised thank you cards on my desk so I am always prepared.  
**Lauren MacCarthy Shirley, Watford**

Trust me, I always try to say thank you in some way, shape or form. But in this day and age when it is so easy to just use social media, nothing beats thanking someone in person with a gift.  
**D Hughesdon, South London**

We have lost the art of saying "thank you" in a meaningful way. So many times during the day there is an opportunity to say thank you - acts of kindness, service from

## THE BIG QUESTION

We asked our readers to help answer a fiendishly tricky question...and here's how you answered

Is it better to thank than be thanked?

**YES 55%**

**NO 45%**

Yes. Giving is better than receiving because it makes other people feel happy. It shows respect.  
**ALICIA SCHELFEN**

No. I think receiving is just as good as giving because either way one or both is satisfied.  
**BENNY SAUNDERS**

Yes. When you give someone a gift that makes them happy, it feels wonderful.  
**DONAL MCCARTHY**

No. I love the feeling that someone has taken the time to think of me!  
**RACHEL MUNRO**

Yes. A little thank can really go a long way.  
**ADRIAN CAMPBELL**

No. I love to give, but getting a present or a gift is fantastic.  
**VINAY GUPTA**

## What a fitting tribute

At a time when Premiership footballers earn stratospheric wages and players are known for their lack of loyalty to their club, how wonderful it was to hear that Arsenal star Theo Walcott has donated a week's wages to charity. He is an example to all young players and deserves all the thanks he is getting.

THANK YOU FACT  
**65%** of British workers say they weren't thanked by their boss at all last year

## Tweet of the day

Jenny Sturrock sends a heartfelt message of thanks to late comedian Ronnie Corbett following yesterday's memorial @jsturrock You always put a smile on my face. Thank you for the memories!

I was amazed to hear the story about Britain's best boss, giving his staff free holidays, beer and who even built an on-site cinema for employees! What a legend. I wish all bosses in Britain could be that generous. What a great way to thank everyone who works hard to make a company successful.  
**Janet Jones, Tyneside**

We live such busy lives that when we are in a rush, or distracted, it can be easy to forget the small acts of kindness people do for us everyday. We should remember to thank friends and family more often!

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