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USA TODAY College 2014 holiday gift guide: Last minute gas station gifts

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You are on your way to a holiday party (or to a relative's house) and just realized out that you have to put in a present for a grab-bag (or worse, give them a present). You pull over at the local gas station and run in frantically in search of something to bring.

What do you get? Pop Rocks? Beef Jerky? A coozie that says Sheetz or Frank's Exxon?

Thanks to the modern gas station/convenience store, you can find a gift that (almost) seems like you didn't rush into a gas station at the last minute to pick it out.

1. Gas cards are the obvious gifts. However, if they are hidden or plastered to a box of cookies or any other goodies, they might be exciting to receive.

2. Lottery tickets aren't only a thoughtful gift, but most of the fun is scratching them off, party entertainment!

3. DVDs – Some gas stations sell classic movies for only a few dollars. If you can grab a holiday classic like *Bad Santa*, all the better!

4. Lots of chocolate could brighten up anyone's day and during the holiday season, one can easily find chocolate boxes wrapped especially for gift giving.

5. Earbuds are available at just about any gas station checkout counter and if you look hard enough, you may just find a phone charger to go with it. The holidays are no time to have a dead battery!

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