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The festive season is upon us once again and it's time to start thinking about gifts for grandparents. Gifts for grandma and gifts for grandpa can sometimes seem like the hardest ones of all to sort out: what do you get someone who's got everything they need already? I know every year when I ask my gran what she wants, she just tells me that she doesn't need anything, dear, a box of chocolates will do.

Now a box of chocolates is all very well but your gran and granddad are special people! They brought up your parents to bring you up right and they helped look after you when you were small. If you're anything like me you'll want to pay some of that kindness back with something a little different gifts for grandparents that show you've put some thought into things...

There are two areas you might want to think about when you're looking for your gifts for grandpa and gifts for grandma: technology and charity. There's plenty of technology out there that's been designed to appeal to the over 50s, or over 40s, or however old your grandparents are! Anything from handheld computer brain trainers, which stuff hundreds of fun crosswords, puzzles and mental games into a handy portable games system to regular PC equipment, is good. A notebook PC with simple internet access could be just the thing to get grandma and granddad online if they aren't there already.

For the silver surfers who really do have everything, think about sourcing gifts for grandparents that give to others instead. A lot of the major charities run gift giving schemes particularly at this time of year that pass your money on as a charitable donation to a worthy cause. Your gifts for grandpa and gifts for grandma could be food for starving children, or a well for a village without water. Your grandparents will receive a gorgeous pack detailing the beneficial effects their gift is having and some will include regular updates throughout the year, so gran and granddad can really see how their present is delivering some much needed help to people who don't have everything they need.

Whatever you choose as gifts for grandparents this year, don't forget to give the most important gift of all some time and a big hug. Neither costs anything and they're both well deserved for the lynchpins of your family!

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