

# What Are You Thankful For This Year?

I am thankful for many things. After my mom and dad separated when I was in first grade, I realized there were so many things I should be grateful for, that I wasn't. I could just list everything I'm grateful for but, that would take a while. So I'm going to pick out five or six main things I'm grateful for then, explain why.

One of the many things I am grateful for is my family. I'm so grateful for them because I know that some people don't have a family that would support them through anything, but mine would. Sometimes they make me mad but, I know that at the end of the day they will always be there. I'm going to talk about my friends in this paragraph as well because, at this point, my friends are part of my family. They also believe in me, even when no one else does. My friends are always there for me when I'm having a bad day. Some people have trouble making friends, some people don't have friends, and some people have "friends" who really just treat them like their nothing. My friends and family are always there for me when I need it most.

Something else I'm grateful for are my teachers. Most of my teachers are super funny. I feel like teachers are really not recognized for being as amazing as they are. They help me through my bad times. An example: one day I was having a

really bad day and in math, I had a test, anyone who looked at me could tell I'd spent a good amount of time crying. My math teacher took me into the hallway and asked if I'd like to take the test the next day because he didn't think I was in the right frame of mind to take a test. I know he probably didn't realize it but that made me feel so much better. Just knowing that he cared, I didn't care what I was upset about. It's things like that to me, that make someone special.

I'm grateful for my house. I'm also grateful for everything that's inside of it. Because I know I'm never going to have to worry about the water being shut off. Or if it's going to rain and the winds might knock a hole in the roof. Some people don't even have running water or a toilet while over here in America kids are mad because their moms or dads won't buy them the new iPhone. Someone who came to our school showed us a video of a little girl, around the age of 11 who walked 15 miles in total every day, just to get water. The water wasn't even clean but she didn't complain. Which made me really think about how lucky I am to go home every day and know that there is food and water in the fridge.

There are so many other things I am grateful for. I hope this essay made you think of something new that you are now grateful for. Or, maybe you were already grateful for these things. Either way, I hope that on Thanksgiving you share how grateful you are. Or at any time of the year because if their's two words that can make someone's day it's "Thank you".

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