# What I am Thankful For

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It is getting close to Thanksgiving, and that makes me start to think of what I am thankful for. I am thankful for many things. During this time of year many people think about what they are grateful for. But, I think people should do that more often, instead of just at certain times a year.

I am most thankful for my mom, dad, and sister, and also my family and friends. Without them, I wouldn't have love and I would be very lonely. My family also provides me with food, water, and shelter to live and for that I am very grateful. I feel badly for the people in the world who don't have any family or friends and who have no food, water, or even a house to live in. I am also thankful for all my clothes. They keep me warm and protect me from getting wet or getting all hot. There are many people in the world who don't have clothes or shoes and that makes me more grateful for what I have.

I love certain sports, especially basketball, football, and baseball. I am thankful that I am a good athlete and that I am healthy and strong. I am also thankful that I can eat the right foods to give me good energy.

I am lucky that I have several pets. My favorite is my dog, Cooper. He is funny to play with and he is furry and cute. I am grateful that I get to snuggle with him every night. I also have a cat named Satchmo and although he is mysterious and a little fresh, I still love him. My lizard is called Toothless and he is frisky like my cat, but he is cool looking and I am happy to have them too!

I go to a school in Marlboro, NY. I am in 6th grade and so far I like all of my classes and especially my teachers. Our schools are good and I am grateful that I get to go there and learn things and have fun too.

Even though they are not with us anymore, I am thankful for my stepdad Len, my Uncle Kerry, my grandfather (Papa Bill), and all the others who have died and are no longer with us. It is sad to think about but I'm glad that they were in my life.

Thanksgiving is a special time to think about what we are thankful for. Luckily, I have many good things and I am thankful for all of them. What are you thankful for?