

So Much to be Thankful For

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In my life I have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for my family, basic necessities, and my education. These things that I have mentioned seem very ordinary, but many people in the world struggle to have these things in their life. These three simple things are what I need the most and I am the most thankful for.

My family is always there for me in every way. My family supports me, takes care of me, and makes me happy. My family supports me by always encouraging me to do my best in school and other activities. They always support me to follow my dreams. By taking me to the doctor and dentist, feeding me, and taking me to school, my family takes care of me. My family makes me happy by keeping me company, taking me to places I would like to go to, and doing fun activities with each other. Even though my family annoys me sometimes, I am still so thankful that they are mine.

I am thankful for basic necessities like food, shelter, and clothing. Today, there are many people in the world who are starving but I am thankful that I always have enough to eat. While I have a nice home, many children and families all over the world are homeless. I am thankful for clothing to keep me warm and comfortable. Many people do not think about basic necessities as something to be thankful for simply because they have them but lots of people in the world today do not.

I am thankful for my education. Without education, I would not learn. This would result in me not getting into good high schools and colleges. Without getting into good high schools and colleges, I would not get a good job. This is why I am thankful for my education. In some countries, girls and women are not allowed to have an education. Also, in some countries children may not receive an education because they are serving as child laborers, child slaves, and child soldiers. While students might sometimes complain about school, it is something that we should be very grateful to have in our lives.

In conclusion, I am thankful for many things in my life. My family always supports me, takes care of me, and makes me happy. I always have more than enough food, a comfortable home, and warm clothing. My education gives me the opportunity to have a good future. While I have everything I need many people in the world are suffering. They do not have these basic things. This is why I am thankful.

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What am I thankful for

There are many things I'm thankful for. I don't like to follow the same cliché, "I'm thankful for my mom and dad and family etc", because I am. What I'm thankful for is having good health, being able to do certain things many underprivileged people cannot. The poor, who don't have homes, children who don't have their parents, and are struggling to survive in orphanage homes. People who live in countries that are going through wars and being misplaced. I'm very grateful to live in the United States, because it provides us with a home whether it is a apartment, trailer, or mansion, that is something many people don't have, a lot food, water, good education, and to be able to make money and get a good job in the future.

Let's face it, sometimes it's easier to focus on what we don't have, rather than what we do have, and we take it for granted. One of those things ^{is} are friendship. Often it is the quality of friends, not the quantity. If you have ten friends, 80% are probably not your real friends, whereas friends of quality are people you value, because they are probably looking out for you, and not using you. Even if I had a pet, I would consider it one of my friends, because I would get unconditional love from it.

A good example to be thankful for is being able to breathe fresh air. I should know, since I lived in China where the Air Quality Index was in the upper hundreds, and we were forced to stay indoors. Having fresh, clean air is something I consider a privilege, because getting clean oxygen in our lungs will prevent us from getting lung cancer in our later years.

Laughter is one of nature's best gifts. Without laughter the world would be a sad place. Our country allows us to create comedy shows, like Jimmy Fallon (which I watch on youtube), Wipe out, and American Ninja Warrior, cartoons, like Tom and Jerry, Teen Titans Go, Oggy and the CockRoaches, and other comical theatrics like School of Rock.

Living in a country where I have easy access to the internet is another reason I'm thankful to live in the United States. Did you know that in China, sometimes I couldn't get on the internet, because the government would ban us from using it? This would go on for hours or days. Living here in the US, has given me the freedom to be on it anytime I want.

Finally, I'm thankful that I have had good teacher's like my teacher back at SAS, Mr. Brian Liu, who inspired me to be creative, Mr. Wellington who keeps me laughing, and wanting to work more with math. Mrs. Vassilopoulos who is fun and creates cool projects for us. Mrs. Obot who is calm and helps me to be comfortable in class. Lastly, you, Ms. Linden, for giving me good English lessons to build my vocabulary and writing skills :D