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What is there to be thankful for?

Hello, my fellow reader, welcome to a piece of my writing! Now you are probably wondering, what I, Enmy Perez from class 7L8 of MS 210 Elizabeth Blackwell, am thankful for. *So, what am I thankful for?* Well there are many things that I, just a simple person, can be thankful for! I have needs which are achieved daily such as eating, sleeping, and bathing. Of course, others might not be in a situation as I am where these are not available and I can fully understand that. So here on out in this essay, I will write about how I am thankful for what I am or am given. Keep reading to find out more!

I am extremely thankful for my *family* and my *country* being my dear Perú! I left my country when I was five years old to come to live with my father for the first time in my whole life! When I was young, I didn't understand how changes occur so I actually thought my uncles and my grandfather were my fathers! They never really corrected me as I was yet a small infant. Later on I found out myself once my memory clicked that I had a father elsewhere. My aunts, uncles, cousins and my grandparents would always treat me like a child of their own, a dear gesture which I thought was common. The reason that my father departed from me and my mother was to earn more money for the child he was expecting, who is now me, therefore he got a job in the United States and moved there to New York to provide for me. My mother worked hard too. I still have many memories from my home, when my grandfather would take me to my school every single day in his *mototaxi*, a type of vehicle in Peru that is a motorcycle with the back as a regular taxi. Or when my grandmother would cook my favorite foods daily, just what my little mind desired. My culture is so very different from what's here, the people, the food, the

climate and weather, even the air feels thicker here than on the coast. Now, I ^{have} got much here ~~at the~~
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Another thing I am grateful for is *being able to speak two languages*! Having the opportunity to speak two languages, which are English and Spanish, is great because therefore I can get more opportunities with my education and so on. At first, I struggled with learning English. The Spanish and English alphabet are really similar in my opinion, so that makes it easier for me right? Wrong, since they have so many similarities in the letters I got confused multiple times, the way they are both pronounced is completely different. That is why I started my English classes at an early age of four, since my family knew it is hard to learn a second language. They put me into studies as early as possible. The younger one is, the faster and easier they can adapt. Now that I think about it, I am extremely thankful for that, it has opened my eyes and multiple doors that were before blocking my path. I will be honest, the education here in the United States is more advanced than in Peru. I remember that there were times I would visit my family in my country and hang out with my older cousins. As young as third grade I was already learning what I would learn in fifth grade in Peru so I appreciate that I have more chances at a higher and better education and learning environment than others.

Lastly, to top it off I am thankful for *animals*. Animals bring me joy many times. When I am stressed all I feel like I need is a hug from someone, but not a person, so animals are the way I go. They are calm and quiet usually and can also tell what is wrong. That is a place where I usually can find comfort at any time.

There are much more things I can possibly be thankful for. The list can go on and on till there is no space to mention anything else. One last thing would be that I am thankful for life itself, if I wasn't born I wouldn't even be here writing this. Now you know what I am thankful for. So, to finish this, I have one last question: *What are you thankful for?*