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There are a plethora of things that I am extremely grateful for in this life. One of, if not the most important thing that I am grateful for is the very existence of my mom. There is no chance that I would ever be where I am, know what I know, and understand etiquette and some of the forms of human thinking without her guidance throughout my life. I'm also very grateful for both my real and online friends. For almost 5 years now, I've known/been in this one online friend group with many individuals who were essentially there for me since forever, even before I started high school. This online group also consists of many people who were of many different ages, ranging from (when it started) 13-18+ (now, me and another friend are about to turn 18, while the rest are starting to enter and graduate from colleges and universities). And the main reason why I'm grateful for this group is because, not only were they truthfully my only friends at the time who always played games/spoke with me, the older ones would also occasionally give me life advice or small tips that would aid in making middle school life much easier for me. Even to this day (while I'm in/about to graduate high school) we remain in contact and they're always constantly telling me that they are willing to help me out with advice regarding learning to drive, take the SAT, doing applications, etc; which is so extremely helpful and for that I am eternally grateful for them and the support they've been giving me for all these years. To add to this, I'm additionally grateful for my real-life friends; they have helped me endure through so much in high school and have also helped me come out of my shell, learn new things, and learn to get better at socializing and asking for help/understand that I always have a support system by my side. On the contrary, I'm also always going to be forever grateful for having such a close, supportive, and connected family; they truly made my childhood amazing.

However, straying away from the familial topic, there are many other things that I'm also grateful for regarding resources and personal recreational activities. To start, I'm grateful for my life and the fact that I am still alive today. Furthermore, coming from an extremely pious family, I'm also grateful for God and the ordeals that he often puts me through as a means to improve, learn, and positively change my character for the better. I'm also very appreciative of many other, more general yet very essential things like my clothes, shelter, sneakers, accessories, and my level of intelligence and maturity. Honorable mentions are: my amazing mom, who follows an authoritative parenting style (I would have never preferred anything else), food (always puts me in a good mood; it's nearly impossible for anybody to ever eat food and not feel/become happy or happier), music (always a joy to listen to; I have a few comfort artists that I listen to as well which have gotten me through tough times), school (along with my mom, I would not be who I am or know what I know without school), and last but not least, videogames.