



## A Briefe der amerikanischen Brieffreunde

Hello Marisa,

Last time you wrote to me you asked me what Thanksgiving was. Thanksgiving is a holiday that we celebrate on November 28. This celebrates when America was founded and the Indians and the pilgrims, aka the first people that came to America, formed an alliance. To celebrate my family all gets together and eat ham, turkey, mash potatoes with gravy, and yummy desserts. I am not sure if I have lost family members in war. I will check with my parents, but I do know that I had family members in the war. People that go into war are very brave people, and we call November 11th Veterans' Day.

Is it possible to be friends with someone you have never meet in person? I believe that it is. These days there are so many gadgets that can help you keep in touch with someone such as email, texting, FaceTime, phone calls. Or you can keep it old school and write letters. Some people may say that you won't become true friends, but I think that you could have a chance of becoming true friends. You can FaceTime or text to fill each other in. You don't have to know every single little thing to be friends, but being best friends takes a little more effort.

I believe that having a friend is important, because than you can learn more about another country. Learning more about another country in my opinion is very important. Say a student had a geography test coming up and there was a question about Italy and the answer was not in the book, they could just contact a friend that lived in Italy. They would get a 100%. Having friends in another country is a very important thing in life.

A world without friends is like not having a shoulder to cry on when you are sad. No one is there to pick you back up when you fall. If everyone in this world had no friends nobody would smile all day because of their friend's joke. If the world has no friends it is as if the world has no color. Everything is black and grey and bland. The world without friends is as if there is no happiness out in the world. Stand by your friends and make them smile because that brings happiness alone.

What is your favorite gelato? Mine is dark chocolate with little chocolate chips in it. What is your favorite show? Mine is "Once Upon A Time". Do you have any friends that you have never met before, or any friends in another country?

Your friend

Victoria Ramos

Hello Victoria Ramos,

How are you? Thank you for your letter!

I think, if you never meet this person it's very difficult to become friends, because you don't know how this person is in real life. But today with Skype and so on it's more possible than in the past. It can also be dangerous, because maybe the person, who's texting with you, isn't that person you think. So I say it's possible, but sometimes it's not such a good idea to never meet the person who's texting with you.

A friend in another country is always good, because you can learn new things from him! You can learn a new language, new cultures and maybe it's also good for school. I don't have friends in other countries, but my cousins live on Barbados. I haven't been there yet, but maybe this summer I will visit them. Have you got cousins in other countries?

A world without friends... Maybe it's possible, but then everybody is alone and sad. In my class there is one girl, she is very quiet and she hasn't got real friends. Only one girl sometimes goes to her because she is also not so popular and a little bit alone. I feel pity for her, so sometimes I go to her to speak. But in my class there's also my best friend, her name is Michelle, she's smaller than me but she's 11 days older. When we are together we are totally crazy and childish. The best thing is that I can always be childish with her and I can behave myself very naturally. With my other (not so close) friends it's also funny, but I can't speak with them about really important things or matters. A few days ago I quarreled with my other best friend: she is not my best friend anymore. It started at her birthday party. There were all girls that I don't like and don't know very much. But then she paid us (me and Michelle) no attention. So I felt disappointed and hurt. After this party we started quarreling and yes. No it's not the same as before. What do you think about this? What about your best friend?

My favorite "gelato" is stracciatella- almost the same as you're favorite one, only it's not chocolate with little chocolate chips, but vanilla with chocolate chips. My favorite food is pizza! I love it so much that I can eat it all day and all night. What's your favorite food? My favorite shows are "How I Met Your Mother" and "the Big Bang Theory". Do you know them? I never saw the show "Once Upon A Time". How is it? Have you ever ridden a horse? I did, and I also rode in a contest. I love little Island Ponies, they're so cute! May I have your telephone number? Then we can write us more often! I would be happy if you did, but if you don't want, it doesn't matter.

Your truly friend,

Marisa