

Outline: Things I Miss About My Country

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Things I Miss About the United States

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Traveling is an adventure, but no matter how exciting a new place is, I always have special memories of my own country. When I am living or traveling abroad, the things I miss most are my family, my independence, and (believe it or not) the food.

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I miss my parents, my brothers and sisters, and my nieces and nephews when I am living or traveling abroad. My parents live in Colorado and I miss them when I am living or traveling abroad. In addition to my parents, I also miss my brothers and sisters. Some of them live in Colorado and some of them live in Utah. Most of my siblings are married, so I also have a lot of nieces and nephews too.

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I miss my independence. When I'm in the United States, I can live anywhere I want. It is also hard for me to be independent if I don't speak the language of the country I live in. Here in the US, I have a car, so I can go wherever I want whenever I want. In other countries, I have to find a friend to give me a ride or someone to help me figure out the transportation system

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The foods I miss are: pasta, Mexican food, and convenience foods. At home, I eat a lot of pasta, but in other countries I might not be able to find pasta. I also like some kinds of Mexican food, but it is very difficult to find Mexican food in Europe and Asia. I also really miss convenience foods.

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All in all, when I am away from home, I can't wait to see my family, be independent, and eat the food I am used to. Even though sometimes it is hard to live abroad, I'll probably live in other countries again.

Things I Miss About the United States

1

I'm from the United States, but I have lived in Germany, Spain, Belize, and Taiwan. I've also visited France, China and Hong Kong. I love to see new places and I especially love meeting the people and learning about the different cultures in the world. Traveling is an adventure, but no matter how exciting a new place is, I always have special memories of my own country. When I am living or traveling abroad, the things I miss most are my family, my independence, and (believe it or not) the food.

2

Like most people, I miss my parents, my brothers and sisters, and my nieces and nephews when I am away from home. My parents live in Colorado. My mother is very talkative and kind. She is always curious about my life and wants to help me in any way possible. She loves to laugh, go shopping, and stay up late at night reading or watching movies. If I haven't seen her in a long time, I remember the fun times we used to spend together, and I want to call her to say hello or ask for advice. My father is less talkative than my mother, but he is also very kind. He loves to help other people, especially his family. He thinks education is very important, so he always encourages me to do well in school. In addition to my parents, I also miss my brothers and sisters. Some of them live in Colorado and some of them live in Utah. We keep in touch through email, but it's not the same as seeing each other. Most of my siblings are married, and I have 16 nieces and nephews. I love to watch those cute children grow and learn. They grow so fast that I feel bad if I can't see them very often.

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Another thing I miss when I am living in another country is my independence. When I'm in the United States, I can live anywhere I want. In other countries, however, it is hard for me to

communicate and hard to find an apartment. Sometimes I live with another family or roommates. This means I have to follow their rules and do the things that make them happy. I can't be independent and come and go whenever I want. It is also hard for me to be independent if I don't speak the language of the country I live in. I might have problems shopping or working, so I need to ask people for help, instead of being independent. Another thing that keeps me from being independent is transportation. Here in the US, I have a car, so I can go wherever I want whenever I want. In other countries, I have to find a friend to give me a ride or someone to help me figure out the transportation system. That's why I miss my independence when I am not in the US.

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Many people think of McDonalds and other fast food restaurants as American food, but the foods I miss are pasta, Mexican food, and convenience foods. At home, I eat a lot of pasta, such as spaghetti and lasagna. In other countries, I might not be able to find these foods. I also like some kinds of Mexican food, such as enchiladas and salsa. It is very difficult to find Mexican food in Europe and Asia, so if I am living there, I miss Mexican food. I also really miss convenience foods like frozen foods, cake mixes, and other easy to prepare foods. This kind of food might not be the best, but it is fast and convenient. When I am really busy, I wish for American convenience foods that are easy and quick to prepare.

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All in all, when I am away from home, I can't wait to see my family, be independent, and eat the food I am used to. Even though sometimes it is hard to live abroad, I'll probably live in other countries again. Knowing this, I can appreciate my country while I am here and I can prepare myself to adapt to whatever country I go to in the future. The amazing thing is that every time I leave a country and return to the US, there is something about *that* country that I miss!