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REASONS to be Thankful

Foreword

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for downloading 196 Reasons to be Thankful!

Here you'll find a collection of reasons your fellow American Soda fans are thankful for this year.

From the heart warming through the touching to the, frankly, hilarious, this is a book that reminds us we all have a reason to be thankful, no matter how small it might be.

I hope you enjoy reading this as much as we did putting it together. And a huge, huge thanks to everyone who contributed on our blog with their reason for being thankful.

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

Cheers
Dave and the whole American Soda team.

PS. Read all the way to the back and you'll find a little thank you from us to you for you to enjoy this holiday season.



Craig Skinner

I'm thankful for my beautiful wife and daughters who are always there to make me smile when I come home from a long, horrible day at work.

Drew James

hi i am 13 and love american sweeties i love them and what i am thankful for is sugar it is great and without that i wouldnt get to taste lovley sweeties like american ones thanks drew

Natascha

Ok, this is probably going to be a really long comment, so brace yourselves

I'm very thankful for the fact that my cousin's wife had a smooth pregnancy and gave birth to a healthy and adorable baby girl 3 weeks ago. And also for my whole family who are always there for me, no matter how different our points of view are from time to time and no matter how incredibly stubborn I am often. My dad is not important to me, but I'm thankful for all his children, because although we don't share a mother, we have a lot in common and all get along. It was a hard way to get all my siblings to give each other a chance, but this year I finally managed to get them all to meet each other and what do you know – they get on very well and I'm sure their relationship will deepen over time

I am also thankful for the time I got to spend in Portugal this year. I was there from the end of May until the beginning of October and not only did I learn a lot of Portuguese, no, I also met a lot of lovely people, some of which will visit me here in Germany in December, to take a tour of my favorite little Christmas markets

I am immensely thankful for the 13 years I could spend with my wonderful gigantic puppy, who, sadly, had to be put to sleep this year. I'm thankful for all the love he had to give to me, for all the crazy things he did to cheer me up when I felt down. Even on his last evening, when I knew I was going to have to let him go and cried for hours, he got up (which was really, really hard for him) to grab one of our favorite toys just to cheer me up. I'm so glad he was in my life and I will never ever forget him.

One last thing I'm thankful for would be the people at our local farmer's market, who give me discounts and little extras, because they get to taste my little baking experiments every other week. When half of my family and me were down with the flu in February, two of them even came to our house to bring us fresh vegetables and some soup and bread which I thought was so lovely! And while there are a lot more things I'm very thankful for, I think I've covered the most important ones now. So I wish you all a very happy early Gobble Gobble Day, everyone!

Craig

im thankfull for the food i get to eat but the starving children in africa need and deserve ore than me.

Hollie Copas

I am SO very thankful that i am in sixth form, managed to get good grades and study the subjects i absolutely adore, drama and media. I'm thankful to my parents for supporting me with the huge workload i had (and still have!) and hopefully i'll get into university in 2012!

My parents are incredible, and bought me a car! For that i will be eternally grateful as being a studying 18 year old, i could not have done it alone

Esther

I'm so thankful that my family who were all at their house in cape code at the end of august didn't get swept away by hurricane Irene!! it was so hard to be over here in London and not know



what was going on....I was so worried when they didn't go inland like everyone else. they were so blessed to not get hit by that storm. even though this is the second thanksgiving and going to be the second christmas in a row without them...I am thankful for my family of friends here who look after me and support me even when I'm homesick. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Helen Gautrey

This year I am Thankful for my family standing strong for each other and me..I have had a causes unknown illness this year and my two Boys have been absolutely amazing while I have been ill and in hospital. Things are now looking good and we can enjoy the rest of the year..They love the candies from American soda and are looking forward to my christmas order so Thank you for your fabulous service.x

Ashley

I'm thankful for my family they get my through a lot of things I whose really nervouse about going to college but thankfully my family where giving me the best support in the world so that really pushed me if it wasnt for them I would just be sitting at home all day doing nothing so I would like to treat them to 50 pound to this lovely store thanks everyone thanks for reading

Toni-Louise shepherd

I am thankful for the health given to me and my family this year and my baby princess learning how to walk and talk all in her first year it's the little things in life that count as they turn into bigger things xxx

Natalie

This year, I am thankful for my health, my family and my life. I had a car accident and thankfully I was unhurt. I am thankful for my job of being an assistant nurse, and the people I help I know are thankful for the way I can help and support them, and I am grateful I have a good rewarding job! I am also thankful for American Soda and the awesome food and beverages they provide to me in the UK so I can come home after a long hard day and curl up on the sofa with a can of mountain dew and a lovey warm pop tart

Freddie Hall

Im thankful for the friends I have. This is going to sound so cliché, but my friends are the best I could ask for, and are truly like my family. My best girl friend is someone whom I've known literally since we were babies, and she's like a sister to me. Meanwhile, my best guy friend is awesome and goes above and beyond the call of friendship. I mean, this is a guy who got up at 4 a.m. to carry my bags for me when my plane arrived late during one of our vacations together. It doesn't get much better than that.

David

I am thankful that I've been fortunate to have been to America a couple of times and I'm thankful there are companies in the UK like American Soda that import American food staples for times when I can't afford to go back!

Jess

I am grateful for...
My friends
My family
The ones I love



The air I breath
The life I live – its a life I love!
And the fact that I have a lot to give

Overall I'm thankful for everything
And I would never ever ever change a thing!

Andrew west

Tha k god for thanksgiving. I only have to suffer turkey once a year!!

Amanda Baum

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family back in NY who have been there for me through everything (and who I miss VERY much and wish I could have Thanksgiving with this year!) and I'm also thankful for my loving husband who allowed me the opportunity to come live and study in the UK, which I am extremely thankful I was able to do. He's also been so great to me since I've been away from home with helping to comfort me when I was feeling homesick. As it's also 11/11, I feel that I should say how thankful I am for all the brave men and women who have served or are serving their country. Who knows where we'd all be without them. Lastly, I'm thankful for American Soda for providing me with my little piece of home!! I am so happy that I found you and can get all my favorite things delivered right to me!! Thanks so much!

katie corr

im thankful for my sweet tooth.its got me through many difficult times.including stress,boredom+down days.its not picky,so long as its sugary+sweet,its mine!its perfect to help pass the time,i can take them anywhere,buy them almost everywhere and theyre perfect for the cinema or enjoying+sharing with friends

Kearsten

I am thankful for my family, especially my two beautiful children. Having lost several pregnancies/babies over the years and coming through 4.5 years of secondary infertility, and surviving an ectopic rupture this summer, I am so grateful and thankful for my two healthy children! I think about my angel babies daily and their tiny spirits go on in their living 8 year old sister (for whom is one angel's twin) and 1 year old brother. I am also thankful for breastfeeding and the knowledge to continue nursing beyond 1!

Holly

It may sound cheesy but I am eternally thankful for the Internet! Thanksgiving is the most difficult holiday for me to be away from home on, and thanks to the Internet I feel like I can be as close to the festivities as possible, which would've been a ridiculous notion a few years ago. Most of the time I take it for granted but on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, when we have news to announce...seeing my Mom and Dad, brother and sister-in-law and grandparents sitting on my computer screen watching my baby blow out his first candle (or watching me blow it out for him) makes what could have been an only bitter feeling of being so far away from them...bittersweet. All thanks to the Internet!

Melanie

I am thankful for my wonderful healthy little family, a good husband...and two great kids. I'm thankful for the opportunity to have the freedom to live in another country so far away from my home (New York), but still able to share the "little perks from home" with my children, so that they



get a taste of still “growing up American” whilst “growing up British”...it’s a opportunity that most children don’t get in a lifetime. I’m thankful for having the ability to make choices, and not have them made for me and my family. Above all, I’m thankful on this day and everyday for the men and woman who put their lives on the line both here in the UK and back home in the US to make our countries safe, free and happy. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone!

Sarah

I am very thankful for being alive and on the mend after a very nasty asthma attack earlier this week, and for the support and friendship of my new colleagues.

Sarah

Samfee

I am thankful for a wonderful husband who blesses my life every day and always makes me feel like the most important person in the world to him.

I am also thankful for an old boss who called me up two days after being made redundant from a different job..... He offered me a job out of the blue to start the next day!! What with our country’s current job problems, I think I’m the luckiest person around!! I didn’t have to do any job search and three days later I was working! What an amazing thing to be blessed with, something I am very thankful for!

Andrea

I’m thankful American soda can provide me with the foods that I enjoyed growing up that I can now share with my children. Thanks a million you guys. Keep up the good work.

Lisa Guastella

I am thankful that despite being the victim of a bad & greedy landlord, I was able at the last minute to find a new home so I will have a roof over my head when I ring my family in New York this Thanksgiving as for several weeks it looked like I had no place to go. Thank you to all the forces that came together for me to have this new place.

Claire

I am thankful for finally finding true love, been waiting my whole life & had given up! Met the most wonderful man in the world in Feb, moved in together in June, now engaged & I can’t wait to be his wife in May! And he buys me root beer, too. My perfect match.

Sarah Murch

I am thankful for my British in-laws, who send me “happy 4th of July” texts every year, who ask me for the answers to American pub quiz questions, and who sit down to Thanksgiving dinner with me, my husband and our 3 beautiful kids.

I am also VERY thankful for American Soda. No kidding. When I came to the UK I was only going to stay for a year, at which point my husband and I would permanently settle in the US. That was in 2001. In the last 10 years I have searched (nearly) the whole of England looking for dill pickles, with no success. Pickles were the only food from home that I couldn’t get over here. Until now.

Thank you American Soda!

Kayleigh

I am thankful for my wonderful husband to be, who is by my side through everything, and I his. I am also thankful for my nana who is brave, strong and utterly selfless, without her I would not be who I am today and finally our families, who have been there constantly through what has been an amazing but sometimes stressful year.



Jason Brogden

I would like to be thankful to my wonderful mum who has a terrible year with her health and is now on mend.. Also Thankful for finding my 1/2 brothers and sisters who have been very supportive to me while my mum was ill ... Thank You ...)

Tony Rix

I am hopefully going to be thankful for the 3rd addition to our Growing Family, Due on the 24th, we already have two very eager Boys , waiting for his or her arrival on Thanksgiving, I am also Thankful That my Wife will have a easier time as she is as big as a house right now, and its very uncomfortable for her, so bring on the 24th

jackie carnegie

As it is 11/11/11 i think it is appropriate to be thankful for those that gave their lives to help their country. Quite simply i am thankful for every day,for my family and friends and to cherish every moment of my life. Thankyou.

suzanne henderson

i am thankfu for all the lifes that have been lost to give us the freedom we have and to those that are still fighting for us,
im also thankful to my mum that helps and supports me.
a big thanku

Crystal Mse

I'm thankful for my twin sister . Even though she's a working , full-time Mum to two young ones , she's always made time for me . I've suffered with O.C.D for over 10 years and I'm currently receiving treatment , she attends every appointment with me and helps me through the down days . She never fails to turn my frown upside down . I LOVE MY SIS ! x

Nicola Perrin

I am thankful for my wonderful family. My Mum and Dad have done so much for me. They let me stay at their house while mine was having work done on it and I had nowhere else to go. They've helped me out with money in times of need, they lent me 2 different cars when mine had broken down. I am so thankful to have such wonderful parents. I am thankful for my 3 beautiful boys I have been blessed with. And for the lovely memories my Nan and Grandad gave me, I will never forget them. I am so thankful for being given such an amazing family

@ToybuzzUK

I'm thankful that my wonderful son Thomas who's 6 has been doing so well in School this year. Last night I had the pleasure of talking to his teacher at parent's evening and she only had praise for who well he's come on this year, and the amazing progress he has made. He has been trying really hard and I'm so proud of him!

lucy timcke

I think there is so much to be thankful for for everyone, some more than others.
To me the list is endless theres the obvious family, house, jobs ect but what i find more touching is that those in terrible situations and appear to have nothing to be thankful for, still always manage to find something. So for me apart from the obvious im also thankful for the hope and strength that is given to others.



Ron Greig

Im thankful for the 2 weeks holiday I got to spend with my daughter, saved forever but we finally made it.

sarah

im thankfull for my family and my 2 children they mean everything to me, my son went into hospital last month just to have his tonsils out but seeing all the children in there some very ill and are there for months on end it made me realise just how lucky and thankfull i am that my children are happy and healthy

docbungle

I am thankful that I will soon be a father for the first time

Ka tie Winzer

I am just simply happy to have the privilage of a normal life without any major complications... When you think life is dealing you bad cards just think how lucky you are that your aren't mentally ill, disabled, troubled , deprived or poverty stricken. Think how rich and well of we are as a country (England!) Think how differnet your view of the world would be if you could barely afford to feed youyrself for one day! I think we take our world for granted and we should spend a day being thatnkful for what we have and not focussing on what we don't ! check out this guy for example <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8ZuKF3dxCY&feature=related> Amazing ! I love living life and I AM happy !!! x

Aislinn Toye

I am thankful for my mother, the tough lessons she has taught me, decisions she's made, marrying my american father and creating my brother and I!

She's truly always been there for me, even now that I'm away at university, nine hours away from home!

I can't remember the last time I celebrated Thanksgiving! My housemate is making a thing of it this year though, I am very excited.

Rebecca Goldsmith

I am thankful for all the ups and downs that life throws at me. They make me a stronger person and gives me the chance to help others when they need an ear or shoulder to cry on. I am also thankful for my health which at last after such a long time appears to be somewhat normal. Family & friends that are always there when i need them and I must of course add the fact that at least they can all be thankful for the american soda website for our Lucky Charms, Twinkies, Babyruth and Skor Bars – happy thanksgiving everyone x

Ashley James

Well mine is very personal and that is for my family and my mum especially who did home school me, now has just helped me get into a college and paying for me to drive! I am only 17 and I think my mum is amazing and I have made huge steps in my life and could not have got this far without her or my family.

p.s Also through the good and bad days American Soda is always there and is grateful to have you there:) cheers Ashley

Jana Schobesberger

I am thankful for having the chance of attending a good school, even if it's not always fun, and



when I'm sometimes really annoyed by it, I just think of the people who don't have the opportunity to be educated and I realize that we should start to value and appreciate the things we take for granted more.

Tom Nimmo

I am thankful that there are enough things to be thankful about in the world for everyone on this blog tell us about.

I went on my first holiday abroad this year to Washington DC, I was privileged enough to be able to take the day off work just to play Call of Duty, my sister got engaged to a really nice guy and amongst all the bad around there remains those simple unremakable pleasures that make us all happy like a hot chocolate on a cold day or a slice of apple pie.

tania

I am very thankful for having a lovely family. Also to the people in the past who lost there lives for us to have the choices and freedom we have today.

Fiona Campbell

I'm thankful that, when a wheel fell off my car on Friday, the wheel didn't come off until after I braked on a slow road. I have two young kids and the younger child was in the car with me. x

Oliver

Im thankful for the special people in my life!

1.

My girlfriend: She is my best friend and my #1 fan. From her I get unconditional love and acceptance, and she always makes me feel like I'm special and liked. I'm the luckiest guy in the world for having found her.

2.

My parents: I'm thankful to be the son of two very loving, supportive people. My father is gone now but never forgotten and always loved. I know how much he adored me and how much my mom does, too. My parents enabled me to experience many things, regardless of how much they sometimes worried. They gave me everything they possibly could ... and even some things they probably couldn't.

3.

My friends: If I named them all individually, from wonderful acquaintances to tried and true friends, I'd have the rest of my list of 100 right there. I don't have a large number of close friends, but I do know there are a lot of good people, near and far, who I can count on, who care about me, and who want only the best for me. I truly value my friends and will never have "enough" or too many.

Kami Mistry

I'm thankful for my favourite band (Ivryrise) allowing me the chance to come watch them make a music video and spend the whole day with them. This is one of the great moments in my life! x

Jonathan Smith

I am thankful that after serious health scares this year, both my parents are well on the road to recovery, and we can look forward to the holiday season with hope in our hearts for the future.



liz brown

I am thankful that I got out of a destructive, emotionally abusive relationship and that I have the support of my friends and family to keep me going.

Wayne Daniels

I am grateful for having a great shop in the uk (American soda) that can get all the great US things I have come to like. (not twinkies) I am also grateful I am not a hundred stone after eating all the things I have had from you guy.

Jenny Kermeen Cowan

I am thankful for nice people

elizabeth webb

I am thankful for american soda as I can buy all my american favorites from you

Emily Saker

Where to start? I'm thankful to be alive. Each day of life I'm blessed with is such a gift! I'm thankful for my husband and daughter that I get to share life with. I'm thankful that even though we don't have a lot of money, we still have enough to keep a roof over our heads and food to eat. We are blessed in so many ways and thank you doesn't seem enough sometimes

Louise Rogers

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I am thankful for so much, from the air we breathe to the fact I have a roof over my head and amazing family and friends. I have learnt a lot this year about myself and what is important in life. This is due to giving birth to my beautiful son Kody in August. In the short time that my life has been blessed with him I have learnt what it is to love someone completely and unconditionally and to be truly selfless always putting Kody first. Also, having Kody has cemented an already amazing relationship with my wonderful husband who shows me day after day what a wonderful man he is. So, I guess what I am most thankful for is being blessed with my amazing family unit. Simply – my wonderful husband and my beautiful boy.

Laura Kilner

I am thankful for the opportunity i had to go abroad and help teach children. It has finally set me on the right path i need to go down after years of searching in the wrong places.

Shona McDonald

I am thankful for my best friend. It is one of those things, where you consider the odds of you never having even met, especially considering how often she moves from country to country, that makes you truly grateful. I have never had someone in my life that will listen to me, and understand my mental issues. And even if she doesn't understand, at least she cares, and listens. And that's more than I ever thought possible. And even though we now live 350 miles apart, she is still the person that I am closest to. So yeah, I guess that's what I'm thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. x

Tyler-Rose Neath

I am thankful for my boyfriend who quite literally appeared out of no where and changed my life. He brought me out of my depression, made me feel safe again and treats me and my family like he's known us all for years. I am very thankful for him ←3



amy davis

i'm thankful for the usual schtick, family and friends, etc. but i think given the current climate, i'm most thankful that after years of chasing my dreams, i'm finally in the job i have always wanted to do. right now i'm working my way up in an industry so notoriously hard to get into, i'm lucky to have even had the opportunity in the first place and when it presented itself, i grabbed on and clung tight and have worked very very hard. sure, it's not the best paid job but that really doesn't matter to me and i'm happy and thankful every morning i get up and make my commute into work, knowing that with hard work and determination (and ignoring many many naysayers over the years) you CAN make your dreams come true. i can only hope in the next few years i get to be even more thankful as the sky's the limit!

Fred Thomas

I am thankful for my wife my family and also my wife's family for taking me as one of them and welcoming me into their family. I am also thankful for my band mates who are my extended family. Thats the philosophical bit done and lets be honest. I am thankful for wild cherry Pepsi, candy corn, nerds and peach and grapefruit Fresca. From American Soda

hayley foster

I'm very thankful for the chance i've had to visit america 3 times! And taste the awesomeness of the DEW, the Mtn Dew! And cherry laffy taffys!! And then to discover the awesomeness of American Soda!! To get Dew and laffy taffys and rootboor and rainbow cake! *drools* What. The. Heck. I'm thankful for my tongue to be able to taste all the lovely american goodness!!

Dan Voak

Hmm, what am I thankful for? Well not being able to live in the US at the moment I am truly thankful to American Soda for all their hard work at bringing us the best of America!!!

Daisy

I'm thankful for a couple of things this year. My dad has had cancer for 3 years now and the fact he is still here and fighting is amazing. The doctors have been incredible by being risky with his treatment. When he was diagnosed 28th October 2009, he had 2 weeks to live. He is still very poorly but we will be celebrating his 53rd birthday on Saturday
This year has been hard for several reasons but by bad things happening, I found my inner strength and I realised how fantastic my friends, my family and my job are!
Also I got myself a fiat 500 and I am very very thankful for that

Matthew Maples

I am thankful for a Loving and Caring God, a beautiful wife, two amazing daughters, and the opportunity for a family from Texas to live and work in the stunningly wonderful country of Slovenia!

Cathy Burke

As all above, so thankful for my wonderful family and friends, but most especially I'm thankful to be alive at such an exciting time in our world's history. Freedom of speech, technology, human endeavor, WOW...Thanks to whomever or whatever, glad to be here!

Sarah Blyth

I am thankful that this year on our way to a relaxing week in the Yorkshire dales my husband is taking me to the actual American soda store to stock up on goodies for our week in a romantic log cabin!!!!!! So excited!!!



Philip Batchelor

Happy Thanksgiving to All! I am thankful firstly for the United Kingdom! In 2006, I was in America where I was born and raised. I am a Gay man and my Partner is British. We tried to get a visa for my partner to join me in the States. The Visa was denied! I knew that I needed to be with this man no matter what, so I had to leave my country and join him in his. I have to say that I was welcomed with open arms in the UK and through much expense and effort I am now a Proud Citizen of the UK! So That is why I'm Thankful for the UK, it's freedoms and happiness that I have been granted here and allowing me to be with my Husband! This year, We are celebrating Thanksgiving with friends who are British and have never experienced the joy of this holiday first hand! So I am Thankful for American Soda for helping me with being able to bring the "Authentic" American ingredients that I require to make this a very special Thanksgiving indeed! I will be making my famous Pumpkin Pie for dessert. I was shocked when I moved here and they did not have pumpkin pie anywhere! I also was shocked to find that MANY Brit's have never tasted it before! So Thank You American Soda Folks for helping me bring such a special occasion to share with my new family in my new Country! Happy Thanksgiving!

Jessica

My dog was recently hit by a car, he is my best friend. I am thankful for medicines, and technology and the people who gave their all to save his life. Some say a dog is a dog, but for me he is my best friend who is always there to make me smile and cuddle with! I am thankful for my dog Spok!

Emma MacDonald

I am thankful for my wonderful family who are always there for me whenever I need them. I am also thankful for the wonderful Christie hospital and there staff as they have made my dad's illness a lot easier to cope with because of there support when it's needed.

Poppy field

I am thankful for everyone being around me friends and family at thanksgiving drinking our many choices of Stewarts bottles!! waking up to lucky charms for breakfast. Truly special!!

Karl snow

hi guess I'm thankful for the usual friend, family and health but i think most of all I'm thankful for facebook as that's where i met my wife to be we started talking as friends on facebook and one thing lead to another we've been together now about 2 years and engaged for just over a year and a half we don't get to see each other as much as we like because she lives in Indonesia and I'm in the uk we are waiting for paperwork to be sorted out and she can finally move here and we can get married hopefully next year but until then we have facebook and skype where we talk for hours everyday.

Rachel

i am so so thankful for the nhs. my baby daughter is 1 just after thanksgiving but very nearly didn't get there..neither did i. free healthcare is something we take for granted. happy thanksgiving and happy birthday sweetie. x

Sara

I am thankful that my friend's mum finally got the double lung transplant she has needed for years on Friday and that it all went well and that she is recovering fast in the hospital and receiving the best care from the brilliant staff. I'm thankful that she was able to celebrate her 60th birthday recently too which is an amazing year to reach as a sufferer of cystic fibrosis. She is a fantastic and



lovely lady and I'm thankful that I was able to meet her for the first time earlier this year and that I will now be able to see her much more often when she is better!

But I am most thankful to the incredible person who took the time to register on the donor list and give the most wonderful gift they could and help renew another person's life, and my thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Charlotte

I am thankful for my lovely sister and our neighbours. When my dog slipped out of his collar I could not find him. When my sister got home she help me look for him, when the neighbours found out what happen they all came out to help. After an hour we still could not find him until we heard some faint barking. He had chased a rabbit down it's whole and had dug himself in. The rabbit hole was in the middle of a thicket of trees so we could not get in so we found the local farmer. When we told him the situation he came in his tractor and help cut down the branches so we could get in. After careful digging we managed to grab my dog and get him out the hole safely. I am so thankful to all who help I was so terrified something was going to happen to my dog but my sister and neighbours would not stop until he was safe, nothing I could do or say would equal to how grateful I am to them.

paris martin

After reading through most of the comments, not all { there are way too many. I tried to think extra hard what I can say, there are many things just like everyone else on the comment page, friends, family and my actual life.... But what im most thankful for in the whole world after careful and considerate thinking is that im ME and you are YOU. Im a little bit nerdy so I sit and think often how could the world be so perfect. I mean not for everyone it's perfect, but for me it is. We live,eat,sleep,reproduce because of the world around us. Its perfect for us to survive. But oddly even though we all need the exact same thing to survive, were all different chemically, physically, and emotionally I am so thankful for that, im thankful that we are all unique from the way we look to our DNA. because I couldn't imagine a world were we are all the same and there was no way to shine or be different.Simple as.

P.s I enjoyed the comments, even the really sad ones. I hope the best for everyone. godbless. Paris Martin

jessie

Im thankful for my daughter just being here.we celebrated her 3rd birthday on the 5th of nov an after being told i would never have her means so much. Its the little things like folding her little clothes, having a little bedroom to moan about being messy, an a helper to bake cakes with... thankful she can show me the world through a childs eyes and rediscover thing we forget as we grow up... thats what im thankfull for!the things that dont cost money are worth more than anything money can buy!!!happy thanks giving guys

Janice

I am thankful for all the friends and family who have supported me throughout all the ups and downs of my life and who have never failed to be there for me. ←3

Josh

I am thankful for my truly wondrous and selfless family.

A little cliché you may say, but I genuinely mean this, at the young age of 6 (a time where sweets and sugary drinks were at a peak of childhood) I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, where



you lose automatic control over your blood sugar. This immediately meant no sugary drinks, no sweets, nothing of high sugar content unless required, not to leave me dis-hearted, my family immediately threw out all sugary drinks, and high sugar foods and replaced it with no-low sugar drinks and foods such as diet coke. I have only realised until recently how much my family have took me through pretty much every step of the way through this struggle, such as; taking me to the appointments required; helping me keep blood sugar in control and much more.

This leaves me truly thankful for everything they have done for me, and I cannot find words to show how grateful I am.

Ruth

Im thankful for the most amazing year I've had! Good exam results, My first festival, my little baby cousin being born and going to my cousin's wedding! Wouldn't change a thing about this year!

Tom

You guys have no idea how thankful i am for the two 50oz bags of peanut butter m&ms sitting on my shelf. I am in the process of losing 7kg for a charity boxing match between oxford university and waseda in aid of the japanese red cross. After living off vegetables and protein shakes for the last 4 weeks and the next 2 to go they are pretty much responsible for sustaining my will to live.

Linny

I could write a large sob story about my life at the moment and there are indeed many things I am and should be thankful for, yet today there is one main thing on my mind. I am thankful that I am alive. Without certain people looking out for me I would have taken my life. It seems odd that I should choose a candy website to confess this, as it is certainly something I have never managed to say out loud. Perhaps it is fitting, perhaps it is inappropriate but overall I feel a little better knowing I've put it out there. Thank you!

Asal

8 years ago I was diagnosed with a terminal condition on thanks giving! I am grateful for still being around to watch my 5 young children growing up. I give thanks every day that I wake up! I am still ill but also still alive:)

Michele

Thanksgiving is my twin nephews, Archie & Riley, 7th birthday. But they live in Saratoga, NY and I haven't seen them in nearly 2yrs... However I am extremely thankful that they & my sister are comin home for xmas..... Good times! X

Janine

I'm thankful for everything in my life. After a long and hard childhood, and being bullied for my whole school days and now finally enjoying college and learning, so I can achieve my dreams and goals, and looking forward to one day achieving my main goal of visiting the US. I'm thankful that I have loving supporting and caring friends and family and people who are there to support me when I need it. I'm thankful that at the moment I have the proud honor of helping promote a company that I feel so passionately for, and that I have the internet to communicate with so many people worldwide. Life is a very precious gift, and something a lot of people take for granted and I'm very happy to have the chance to work hard to achieve my dreams. And of course, Im thankful for the awesome website that is americansoda that helps supply me with my american cravings until I can finally go to the US!



Joanne

I am thankful for my hubby and my two fantastic, beautiful, funny, gorgeous daughters

Matthew Graham

I am thankful for the loan rates to go down so I could get more money for the same payments. This has meant I have been able to pay off my credit card and can buy presents for Christmas.

Mindy

What i am truly grateful for, and what i always think of before i am about to complain about something is the fact that i have been given a life with wonderful luxuries and opportunities all thanks to 2 people, my grandparents. They are my world, theyve been parents to me more than my own parents. The reason i say this is because they have had the hardest life ever. They walked the partition in India in 1947 and moved to england with no money, not being able to speak a word in english and no education or skills and set up a life which has developed to give me what i have today. Which is everything. 2 people battled the world and survived it to give me what i have today, and just before i complain about how much coursework i have or how cold it is, i remember i have an education and i have a lovely warm home with heating and food and water. Last month my grandfather unexpectedly passed away, i made a promise to truly appreciate what we have and rememeber people in the world are not as lucky as us. So its best to make most of what we have and live it for the people who made sure we have everything. Give thanks and appreciation to them.

Julia

My wonderful boyfriend (kinda weird calling him that as we've been together for over 7 years now). And my yarn stash. And that everyone in my family is fairly healthy. And my great friends. And... gosh, there are so many things to be thankful for. I think I'll leave the list as it is for now, otherwise there might be a novel.

Josh Cuthbert

Although I am British and do not celebrate Thanksgiving, I do have a lot to be thankful for. Like a lot of others, I am thankful for my family and friends. Its been a difficult couple of years but these years have shown me the true meaning of family and although I am in no way religious I do thank whatever is out there for what I have and love.

Lateifah

I am thankful for my family, my mum allowing to study in another city for university, and my dad who I didn't know growing up who I am now close to- is making me stay with him so my time studying is easier!!

I am thankful for health and that I can go by day to day I never take good health for granted I really see I am fortunate

I am thankful for life as I can enjoy myself as a young lady, pursue to be successful, make myself and family proud and enjoy American Soda Products when I want

Happy thanksgiving xoxo



Fraser

I am thankful for...

- *A* place to live
- *M*y family and friends
- *E*mployment, especially in these hard times.
- *R*eeses Pieces & Root beer
- *I*mported American goods from a certain soda website
- *C*ats – Dexter and Pixie, two lovely furry friends
- *A* cold winter's morning promising Christmas is near
- *N*ot having to go without food, water or comfort.
- *S*aving up pennies to treat myself to Cheetos Crunchy snacks
- *O*n the whole, having good health
- *D*reams, some which I'll always be trying to achieve, some that I already have.
- *A*nd not forgetting the little boy or girl my wife is currently growing for me

Jason McGilvray

I am thankful for trade between nations which allows American Soda to make our Thanksgiving celebrations that bit more memorable. I am thankful also for the good people at PepsiCo who bring us the miracle of Mountain Dew. Happy Turkey Day People!

Rebecca

I am thankful that I still get to live the American dream even though I'm not living in USA. Because I grew up in a place that believes anything is possible with hard work and determination I have found the strength to start my own business while pregnant with my 3rd child and even though I've only been in business less than a year I am already doing great. I have an amazing (British) husband who I am so thankful for because he supports me and my decisions, giving me the extra strength I need to go on when I'm not sure of myself. I am thankful for my 3 beautiful kids that push me to work harder so that I can give them the best life possible and I am thankful that my new business venture entitles me to work from home, spending precious quality time with my babies because I don't want to miss out on a single giggle. I thankful to be American and to have found the love of an Englishman and have made amazing friends on this side of the pond because without all of them I wouldn't be living the American dream in England.

Laura

I am thankful for American Soda making Libby's pumpkin and US Oreos (sensible people, Americans, making them vegan!) available in this country... although my orange skin might protest!!! In all seriousness, I am thankful for having the opportunity of meeting so many amazing and inspiring people through my job in a hospital, and living in a country with a population which views women as equals to their male counterparts!

Ibrahim

I am thankful for all the Products that American Soda Has Provided, I hope you add more Products, so far I have only purchased six items but hopefully I will purchase many more !

P.S Keep it Going

Thanks



Leanne Dickson

I am thankful for the invention of the world wide web and how much it has made life a lot easier for people and also my wee dog who I love to bits.

Zoe LB

I am always thankful for my husband (first Thanksgiving as man and wife!), my children and our happy and healthy lives but this year I am thankful to American Soda for delivering all the ingredients I need to make me happy and impress my friends with a little something different.

Cae

I'm really thankful this year that i've been able to get into college, despite against all my families' beliefs.. I'm also thankful my grandfather is healthy once more, and my mother was able to keep her job.. Happy Thanksgiving, Americansoda

Callum

I'm thankful for beating my testicular cancer and for my family and Friends who stood by me! Even when I felt like i could not go on they gave me the strength. And another thing They always cheered me up with goodies from american express.

Emma

Im thankful for my amazing little boy and friends and family. People take for granted what we have they see the downs and what they dont have then what they have. I like to say thank you to my lovely mummy for being there and suporting me though the good and bad, thankful to my friends for there suport and most of all thankful to my little boy for whom today i wouldnt be who i am.

Rebecca T

I'm thankful for my family – since coming back from university, we've all knitted together much tighter. I work for my uncles, and live on the same street as my grandma (who is lovably mad) and my parents (who occasionally drive me mad, but I love them).

Kate

I'm thankful that I have a home in a country untouched by natural disasters, famine or war; that I have reconnected with wonderful, loyal friends this year that I love and would trust with my life, and for my family, especially my mother who takes care of us all and rarely complains. Also my cat, who knows exactly when I'm down and need a big, affectionate furry hug! I'm thankful for my best friend, that even when we fight and bicker for a whole day we still have the ability to make in less than a minute. She understands me better than anyone and I truly don't know what I would do without her

Janet Matthews

I'm thankful for my husband of 39 years who is still my mainstay, for my 5 adult children who continue to be a major part of my life, and the 3 fine young men and 6 beautiful grandchildren they have added to the family (one wedding and one grandchild this year). I'm thankful to still be here to see another Thanksgiving, thanks to the wonderful care given to me by medical people over the last 4 years. As an American who married an Englishman, I'm also thankful for the internet that allows me to now stay in touch with my family back home in a way I never could before.

Mike Savage

I am thankful that at age 72 I can still walk, talk, care about other people, cry, forgive, help when I



can, but most of all I can LAUGH at myself. Laughter is surely the most important benefit that we have been given. Without it the world would be totally without purpose.

Kim

I am thankful for my nephew who makes me smile by singing the batman theme tune at the top of his voice wherever we go

janis robson

i am thankful to be alive,i am in remission from breast cancer and only have to attend the hospital every 6 months for check ups,i am also thankful for my great family and friends who gave me the strength,support and kept my spirits up through a dreadful time

Cupcake Crazy Gem

I'm thankful for competitions like this and companies like yours who enable poor students like me to get my American fix! I am a Root Beer fiend, when I drink it on cold welsh days it takes me away to a sunny day in California and makes me remember why I'm doing this Masters here in dreary Wales (so one day i can fulfil my dream of moving Stateside and enjoying Root Beer and corn dogs every day!) but right now I'm too poor to afford Root Beer but you could change that and I would be forever grateful

Rebecca Lewin

i am thankful for being alive and enjoying my life once again after a difficult couple of month suffering from panic attacks, anxiety and depression.

I am most thankful for my girlfriend and the support from both her and my parents.

my girlfriend waited for me for 7months while i had to move from manchester to london and live with my parents as it was too stressful for us to deal with by ourselves as we are only young and i needed professional help. throughout the whole 6 months i was in london meesha, my girlfriend, rang me every day, came to visit me several times, which gave me the determination to get better and get back to my wonderful girl!

Martin Little

Looking back on the year we've had I feel pretty lucky to be in work and to have a great family and kids who make me laugh (and who love star wars). Good that they are also developing a taste for root beer and hot tomales (getting any back soon?). Thanksgiving sounds kind of cool, as long as the spirit of spreading the thanks takes off!

Kaytlin marsh

I am above and beyond thankful for being lucky enough to have my fiancé, whom without having to look after me this year (and the last 6) through all the hardship and pain I would most likely have been put into health care. He is my rock and there is nothing I could be more thankful for than him
x

twocvbloke

I'm thankful that no matter what happens in life, things could be worse than they are, and everything is made better with Reese's peanut butter cup miniatures!!!

I'm also thankful to have found American Soda too, getting to taste Barq's root beer from Atlanta, and genuine Dr. Pepper from Texas, and I don't know where Stewart's came from, but their Key Lime soda is just delicious!!!



Lisa Gair

Thanksgiving is my all time favourite holiday! It always has been both in the states and over here in the UK! It is a time when family and friends get together for good times, good fun, good food, good conversation, and to appreciate what life has offered all of us!

Here is a small list of what I am thankful for:

I am thankful for my butcher being able to get me a 25-30 pound turkey a month before Christmas. I am even more thankful that it fits into my British oven! I've had 15 years of practice, so I now know the trick to this science. Make your turkey the day before so there is no panic about getting the rest of the menu done!

I am thankful that my British friends love my American way of cooking and they want to partake in this tradition every year. I am also thankful they want to take home leftovers, so I am not eating Thanksgiving sandwiches for the next month!

I am thankful for having Thanksgiving weekend off! I am on hiatus from markets that weekend and look forward to a well earned lie in! Oh wait, I'll be working harder making a delicious traditional Thanksgiving dinner than I do for my farmers markets, but you know what, it doesn't matter! It's Thanksgiving and I am so thankful for that!

Emma

Im thankful for every opportunity ive been given in life wether it was good or bad – im also thankful for my amazing partner who i love to peice and American soda for opening my mind up to trying new foods and treats

Mary Brewood

I am so thankful that the world is much smaller than it used to be. Two years ago, I was giving up hope of ever having a husband and family. But then I met my wonderful husband online, married him and moved to the UK. Now we have our handsome little son and my family back in the States get to see us via webcam. Life is good! Plus, I have American Soda nearby for all my emergency American food cravings. Life is good!

Steven W

This year I find myself feeling thankful for my wonderful girlfriend whom I met this spring. My amazing friends and family who saw me through a difficult patch and my new job. All these things have given me a new lease on life and makes me excited for the new year coming.

Sam

I'm forever thankful for my mum, she's the greatest secret inspiration of my life. I wish that I could show my appreciate without just a "thanks". She's the one who drives my family and without her I don't think I would be where I am today, so thanks, mum. x

sherry Mclain

I have really bee tried and test this year so im really am thankful for all my friends and internet family that has been there to support my husband and i has we have had so really bad news this year regarding his health and i thank God for bringing him into my life 9yrs ago as we are one of thos internet romances and i am thankful for my health and all the things that God has given me as without him we couldnt do it. and finally im thankful for american soda as if it werent for guys i wouldnt be able to my all of my favorite things to eat



Chery Halliwell

I am thankful for one last holiday season with my mother. She was diagnosed with terminal cancer in January of this year. She came to the UK after her diagnosis, to meet my toddler for the first time. Even though she's in the US, we are in the UK, and unfortunately she is too weak to make the trip again we still "visit" through Skype, and we are thankful to "virtually" have her for one more thanksgiving!

Laura baker

This year I am thankful for my gorgeous son. Six years ago I was given the news that I would never have children naturally and would need help. Me and my husband had five years of hell tryin to conceive, nothing worked. All the medication they have me failed and life looked really bleak. We resigned ourselves to the fact we would never be parents, then we gave it one last attempt... 9 months later I gave birth to a gorgeous healthy son who is my world. So I will be saying thanks on thanksgiving, like I do every single day for him. I'm also thankful that I didn't give birth in disneyworld Florida whn on holiday at 7.5months pregnant! The deal was if a ride made me to into labour we had to name the baby after the ride! I didn't fancy naming him "small world" or "Pinocchio!"

Brigie

I am thankful for another year of Health and Happiness, and a beautiful little boy who makes me smile!

Jackie monaghan

I'm thankful for my new sister in law. Congrats to my brother who married the love of his life last friday

Matt

I am thankful for my husband and that the UK allows us to be legally recognized as a couple committed to a wonderful, loving life together. We got married last December in the snow after 3 years together and every day is the new best day of our lives. While America will always be 'great' to me (and love americansoda.co.uk for helping taste it!), it is very sad for us that we are not treated as equal human beings there. So because of that, every day I am thankful for the UK/ European culture being more open to accepting and loving us, affording us the greatest friends we have ever known—friends whom we'll be sharing a nice big Thanksgiving dinner with!

Hannah

I am thankful for my wonderful family who have helped me through many difficult times this year, and helping me in anyway possible to reach my dream of becoming a midwife. I am also thankful for the happiness my friends bring me, and how lucky I really am. And finally I'm thankful for american soda for holding this competition. Thank you to everyone xxx

Kieran

I am extremely thankful for my family and even though we've had tough times, we are still a strong family. Also the fact that I can always order myself a box of Lucky Charms from American Soda whenever I feel down

Kim Herring

I am thankful for my family of course and even more especially my lovely dogs Charlie and Busa who ate all of my Junior Mints whilst I was at work so now I have none left!!!! They ate all 10 mini boxes which I have 1 of each week – the little monkeys x



Caitlin

I'm thankful for my best friend Kristin. She herself is one of the most inspiring people I know. This year she has been to hell and back. She travels an hour and a half each day just to GET to school, works in after school projects and just spent her entire summer organising a fundraiser for her friend (emmanewtonfund.com) and raised over £2000 all on her own. Since she is also doing her alevels she is constantly busy yet she always makes time for everyone else to make sure they are okay.

Even when she was young she moved around every 2 months from places like Pennsylvania to Jersey, North Carolina to Colorado. I'm so thankful that here is the longest place she has actually settled. Each thanksgiving I make her a pumpkin pie (from scratch might I add) and she even eats it with a smile on her face! Even though I can't see it being as good as the ones she used to have. I'd love to treat her this thanksgiving to a surprise meal and drinks! I bought her one of the root beers and considering her reaction from that one bottle I know for a fact she might pass out if I can actually do this.

I love my best friend and I'd love to treat her and her sister to something special and hopefully turn these past few months around. Thank you x
(Pictures promised)

Elliott

I am thankful for the great opportunity to help out American Soda with their future email templates. I am so happy I can help such a great company!

Thomas Gibson

I'm thankful for my kitty cat, who looks at me with love and cherishes me....or just looks at me as a mobile food dispenser – one of them anyway!

Holly

I am thankful for the freedom to travel. To now call Ireland home. To play Ryanair roulette and see a little bit more of the world. To experience history, culture and cuisine on a long weekend. And to share my little bit of Nova Scotia, Canada with Europe. To prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for friends, who are more like family, and for whom this holiday is likely a first. I'm thankful to all those who will sit at my kitchen table and critique my American-style Mash...my German colleagues, my French partner, my Scouser housemates, my Irish friends, and the new Brazilian girls. I am so thankful for this global community. But above all, I am thankful for my family back home in Canada who support me no matter how far I may go.

Jade Skinner

Im thankful for my new smaller boobs

victoria

hi i am thankful that my nearly 4 year old girl can walk she has just been to america to have major spinal surgery, which we fundraised £45,000 for , before she could only walk a few steps with a walker she spent most her time in a wheelchair she is now 6 months post op and walking / running / jumping and doing all the things a 4 year old does which is something we never thought as parents we would see darcie do , she has shown such grit / strength and determination to walk i am so proud of her people say a parent is a childs hero well darcie is mine , i would love to win this for her so she can go get some of the lovely goodies she loved while we was in america for them hardest but very worthwhile 5 weeks



lee h

I am so thankful for a number of stuff firstly my own little family (my gf, son, and daughter) because I lost my aunty and my nana in the space of two weeks... And my family looked after me and kept my spirits up and now ave been hit with a health problem but just plodding on everyday because of my wonderful partner of 10 years,my 5year old son who sometimes a think has Been here before lol and my 2 year old daughter who has defo been here before there all magical and cant wait to.celebrate thanks giving and xmas,,,, thank u American soda x

Emma Welch

I am thankful for the truly selfless acts of others in the world, that we either take for granted, or don't realise the impact they truly make on our everyday lives.

Personally, I am thankful for all the hard work and effort that my Dad has put into his volunteer work for the last 25 years. My Dad is a volunteer with the British Red Cross, and does in excess of 500 hours worth of duties each year. He recently was involved in an escort to take a terminally ill women to see her daughter get married, it was not for money, the red cross didn't charge, and neither did any of the volunteers involved, it was a truly selfless act, on all accounts. We would all wish that should we end up in such a situation that there would be those willing to give up their free time to help us obtain our last wishes.

This year all his efforts have been recognised and he will stand proud as part of the "Guard of Honour" at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. He takes little thanks for what he does, but it is those people who dedicate a large amount of their time to help others that we should really be thankful for!

Rebecca Sacree

This year I have been thankful for American Soda bringing me a touch of 'home' with all the amazing products they provide for us in the UK. Thank You American Soda and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Nichole

I am thankful for the Internet. It helps me to keep in touch with my family on the other side of the pond. It's more important to me this year than ever as I have a little 8 month old baby that has never met his Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle or cousins in person. We haven't been able to make the trip home for 5 years. The £50 voucher would help to re-create Thanksgiving here in the UK as I can't be home with my family this year.

katie

I am Thankful for having the strength to move on with my life. After being a victim of domestic violence, I am thankful to the police for taking him out of mine and my childrens life. To put him in prison so I can live again. I am thankful for my mummy not suffering for too long with breast cancer and able to die with dignity. I am also thankful for my friends and family for all their support and meeting my partner and having a baby girl and getting married in March. Although I have money worries I am thankful for every day I get to spend with my family and friends because life is too short.

Dommy

I'm thankful that my long hours and hard work this year have not gone unnoticed, and that I've been given employee of the month this month and been given a promotion. I'm also thankful for my lovely girlfriend who is very understanding when i don't come home until after 11pm most days



Hannah caller

After losing my baby Dec 2010, this year has been very tough, I'm thankful for my friends, my family & my boyfriend who bought me a kitten to give me some focus, I'm so thankful to my little bundle of fluff too, he's helped very much.

Mark Garland

Thankful for great American friends who have introduced us to many tasty US treats, for air travel that has made trips there possible and for innovations such as yours that make these products available here on the UK.

PS Also thankful for the news that Taco Bell just opened in Manchester

Natalie

Im thankful for my grandad living through his heart attack and his bi pass

Chris

I am tankful for the support from my close friends and the opportunities that I have been offered O and I am thankful for Mountain Dew and Red Bull, they really help during a long night of coursework

Michaela parkinson

I am thankful for my amazing family, friends and also having two of the most beautiful nieces anyone could ask for

Danny

The one thing I am thankful for is my Mum. She has raised me for the past 10 years on her own, supported me through School, College and now University. She never let me go without anything I needed over the years and even though the past few years have been tough on us she battled through to give us a perfect life and upbringing. This year she supported me though various interviews for jobs until I successfully found one and from there she has made everyday of work enjoyable knowing that she has helped me though the highs and lows of my life. Hopefully, one day, I will be thankful that I have managed to pay her back for everything she has done for me. Mum, thanks for everything you have done, without it I wouldn't be the man I am today

thomas milligan

I am thankful for my wife and stepson and the happiness they bring to my life. I couldn't imagine my life without them but wish for one thing, my other two step daughters in the USA have as good of a thanks giving as we do and know we love them dearly.

gemma

I am thankful for my new American friend. She has shared lots of fun stories about America and given me amazing new recipes to try. Best of all, she baked the best cupcakes for my birthday

Kaje Sawkins

I am thankful to be alive, to have the love of a perfect man, to have the gift of dear friends and family and to have such an amazing shop that sells me sugary american delights!

I am not meant to be alive, I have a very rare heart condition that means I wasn't meant to survive past puberty, but here I am, in the luckiest time of life!

I an thankyou to you and you and you! Mwah! xx



kevin clarke

im thankful for my family, more so my fiancee. this has been a very tough year for us, alot of emotional lows and I hope we can get through this. im thankful that we are all of good health and thankful for my loved ones that have passed on from this world for being part of my life.

katie jarvis

i am thankful for my family if it wasnt for my family i wouldnt be here today so if i won i would spend the money on them and buying them treats to say thank you for being there for me threw all the rubbish ive been threw

samantha white

What am I thankful for? It's a hard question, because there is so much. I am thankful for my three amazing sons, who bring me joy and happiness every single day. I am thankful for the treatment I receieved in November 2009, that enables me to still be here.

I am thankful my body did not give up on me when I was fighting for my life with a 5% chance of survival in intensive care, at tameside hospital.

I am thankful for my partner, who works so hard to keep his family happy. I'm thankful that each day I get to see new things, taste new things and smell new things.

I am thankful that even though my baby girl passed away at 21 weeks, I got to be her mummy.

Life is taken for granted way too often. No matter what I have been through in life, I'm thankful that I am the luckiest woman in the world.

Tom Chiverton

I'm thankful for being alive right now.

Genevieve Pridham

I'm thankful for being able to go home to the States this year for Christmas. I get to spend some time with my mother for the first time in several years and also see my dad as well. The holidays truly are all about family and I can't wait to see mine. My mother has promised to make me some of my childhood favourites and I'm really excited. I'm also thankful for your company providing so many wonderful products that remind me of home. The macaroni and cheese, Teddy Grahams and apple sauce are three of my top favourites. Keep up the great work, there are so many thankful Americans like me all around the UK.

Rebecca

I'm thankful for being fit, healthy and to be able to treat myself and others to the goods of American Soda. We take for granted simple things like that, many people can't afford the luxury goods of food and drink from different countries. We should always reflect on how fortunate we are when we moan about simple things that there are people a lot less fortunate.

Catherine McAlinden

I have brought my 2 year old and 8 month old on their first trip to Florida. I am thankful that they were well behaved on the 9 hour flight. I am thankful that they quickly adapted to the 5 hour time difference, and are not waking at 3am. I am thankful that I get to eat lots of American goodies (even if I do have to share the Twinkes with the 2 year old). And I will be extremely thankful if our flight home tomorrow is easy, and my personal stash of Cheetos is still there in the morning.



Rachel Wookey

I am thankful to be alive and healthy. I am thankful my Brother-in-law does not have to go back to the Middle East again(military). I am thankful my sister is 7 months pregnant and going to have a healthy little girl! I am thankful for my new job over here in England. I am thankful for family and friends over here welcoming me with open arms and supporting me throughout this year. I am thankful for being able to meet new people and experience new things. I am MOST thankful for my Mother turning out to NOT have colon cancer and am extremely grateful for her being able to walk again this last July, after losing the ability in January due to M.S. (which I had a flight or two to go back and forth between England and California). Also, I am extremely happy, thankful and grateful for American Soda ... for without you I would have driven my husband insane without Ranch Dressing, and many of the other things you guys sell that make me not miss home so much. ←3

Diane Yule

I'm thankful that my team and I set the UK record for the longest reading relay, if I win I'll stock up on goodies from you so we can beat the Guinness World Record next year.

Rose Meadows

This year, I'm thankful for my husband, Andy. We just recently celebrated our 1 year anniversary and although we have had tough times at some points, we have remained so happy and it's because he has so much optimism and strength. He eases my worries and always puts a smile on my face. He keeps me strong and sane in our currently crazy life. I don't know what I'd do without him.

Ka tie Winzer

When the Halloween pumpkins are gone,
And the leaves have all fallen to ground,
When the air has turned windy and cold,
Then Thanksgiving will soon be around.

Thoughts of loved ones all feasting together,
Pleasant pictures from past times appear
To dwell in each heart and each mind—
Then Thanksgiving is finally here!

The kitchen has scrumptious aromas,
The dining room looks oh, so fine,
Decorations with pilgrims and turkeys,
And now we are ready to dine!

First the napkins are placed on our laps;
Now the prayer for the meal to be blessed,
Then we stuff the good food in our tummies,
And we hope for it all to digest!

Daniel Barraclough

My iPad, and a shop that sells Coke Vanilla opening nearby for when my stocks are low ;P

Ka tie Winzer

This year i am just thankful for my health , wealth and my family and friends we take al this for granted but at this time of year you begin to really appreciate ho wlucky we are i am also



thankful for the creators of American Soda! Bringing the best taste of america to The UK !!!
Thankyou all so much !!! xxxx

Gemma

I am thankful that my brave gran is still here after her long battle with cancer! She is amazin! X

Sophie

I am thankful for my family and friends. Having been through a very bad few years with depression, illness and the death and illnesses of some people very close to me, I am so thankful to have such a strong support system around me. While I may not have the best luck in life, I have so many amazing people around me that I wouldn't change it for the world and I am thankful for each and every one of those people and all the moments I've shared with them.

Craig McMartin

I am thankful for American Soda.co.uk. I have grown up on a diet of American TV shows and movies, many of which have been packed with all sorts of foods and drinks that never made their way across the pond. The Baby Ruth from Goonies. The twinkies from Die Hard. Grape soda from countless sitcoms! The list goes on and on. I always wondered what they would be like and lamented that I would probably never find out. American Soda has allowed me to have a taste of the American Dream from the comfort of my own home, for which I will always be thankful.

emma cella

I am thankful I found a laxative that works.

For those of you with major health problems like me, you will understand that the things you once took for granted are extremely important.

For those of you who don't understand, trust me on this

Oh, and I'm thankful for Simple Marriage. Honestly.

Tish

I am thankful for my wonderful husband and amazing family and friends whose support make my life here in the UK incredible and something I'm glad I'm here for! I'm also thankful for American Soda for the times when I miss American stuff, especially root beer!!

Richard

I am thankful for discovering your website it saves me money and has a bigger selection of American products

Jon Simkin

I'm grateful that I can get Libby's Pumpkin Pie filling from American Soda to make sure that my family can celebrate Thanksgiving properly...

Robert Collins

I am most thankful for my best friends for all their hard work and passion behind our band together! It's been a very long 7 years and we've all loved every single second of it, so many accomplishments together and many many memories! With more to come!

From 3 guys i hardly knew to the best friendship anyone could ask for, they are basically my brothers now! And always will be!

Thank you American Soda for letting me share this with you and anyone who reads it! x



Jill Q

I'm thankful for being alive! Last December I thought I had food poisoning and was really poorly. I managed to stick out work with it being a Friday, so after work I managed to make it to pick my kids up and go home to rest. As the night got on I got worse violently sick really bad pains in my stomach so I ended up going to bed. All night I was up being sick the pain was getting worse so at 3.00am I rang go to doc they booked me an appointment for first thing in the morning. I told my partner and he said you'll be fine if you go there in the morning but I told him I thought I was dying so he rang an ambulance. I was rushed into hospital and examined and told my appendix had ruptured and from my symptoms they had to operate right away. I didn't care at the point I was in so much pain! After the op they told me the extent of the rupture and that if they hadn't operated when they did I wouldn't have made it!! Whilst in hospital I got an infection in the wound and was in for 2 weeks in total my family and partner had to rally round and look after my kids I missed them so much whilst in there. Eventually on the 23rd of December I was allowed home. I couldn't do much and was in bed with nurses coming to see me everyday so it was a pretty awful and traumatic Christmas and new year but I'm thankful I went with my gut and my fella rang for an ambulance because this year my babies wouldn't have had their mummy to celebrate with and I'm so thankful that I'm still here and we're going to have the best Christmas ever!

Samantha baker

I'm so thankful for my family and friends, it's been a tough year for all of us as my grandad was ill and unfortunately passed away but we are all so looking forward now to the birth of my baby boy who is due anyway, and to my daughter who is really excited to finally be a big sister, without her I don't think I'd have coped as well as I have)

Sam Goodwin

I am most thankful that we are able to treat ourselves and indulge in such marvellous American foods, because some people in the world will never experience the taste sensations such as peanut M&Ms, or Nerds, let alone enjoy food on a daily basis. We should never take food for granted, and we should never forget those less fortunate than us. Happy Thanksgiving y'all!

Josh M

I think Ben Hughes is the best so far.

This Thanksgiving I am grateful for all the luxuries I have in my home. I am also grateful for friends and family, for without them I would be nothing. and last but not least I am thankful for American Soda. As they are awesome.

Charlene Grant

I am thankful for giving birth to a happy healthy baby girl

Melanie Knights

I am thankful for my husband! We got married this August in America which was something that I had always dreamed of.

It took a lot of effort and planning but it was worth every ounce to see the love we have from our friends and family. I am thankful for him being in my life and the future we have together! It will be a house full of American inspirations!xx

Jess McCloskey

I am very thankful for the ability to change a viewpoint or shift perspective when things don't work out the way you had hoped. Due to a paperwork disaster at the Home Office, I have not had my



passport on hand for four years—that is four years of not being able to leave the country or get a driving license or work at a real job.

But I have been able to forge a rather strange little freelance career writing, even getting a cook book published this year (which is just so crazy in light of what I trained to do), and with my passport back in hand now, I am finally free to see the world again.

I haven't been able to fly home to the States for some time because of this issue, but you have kept me safely in root beer and pumpkin enough for me to pretend a little bit. So I am also thankful for the people who make it possible for those of us so far away from home to get a little bit of the old American comforts here in the UK.

Jane Willis

I'm thankful that my daughter's pregnancy is going well, after having miscarried her last.

Laura

Without sounding as though i'm repeating what other people have said, i'm most thankful for my family, and it's at times of the year like Christmas and Thanksgiving, when family are supposed to come together more than ever, that i'm reminded of the pride i have for them.

Friends, you find can come and go, betray you, break your heart, but no matter what heartache or trivial arguments your family go through together, you'll still always love each other no matter what.

I've been lucky enough to have my family standing by me through so much over the years.. Recently, i've been told that two of my closest Uncles who have been battling so admirably hard through cancer and other illnesses, have both been told that they don't have much longer to live. I'm thankful to just have had the opportunity to meet them at all, let alone be able to call them my family.

The way they and so many around the world fight every moment just for another day with their loved ones really puts everything else into perspective, and it's made me thankful for every single moment longer that i get to spend with them.

I'm lucky enough to have the love of my life, to still have both of my amazing parents, to have a sister and a niece that i would give my life for, and i'm thankful that they all love me just as much because i know i'd be nothing without any of them.

Thank you x

Beverley

This year, I am thankful that I made my five year anniversary of being free of breast cancer. They tell me I am now officially "cured". I think I will always be a little bit paranoid and have a little touch of hypochondria, but I have begun to relax more and reduce the OCD-style self examinations from once a day to once every couple of days. It's been a long, long road and during chemo, I could barely eat anything, so if I win this, I will stock up on all my favourites and, in keeping with my new resolution to live life to the full, maybe try something new!

Jess Davies

I am Thankful for time..lets not take it for granted.



Diane Cahill

I am thankful for many things this year. One being all six of my children are healthy and happy Thank God! I am thankful for my husband for being so wonderful and lovely! No new car No new anything just life! and all it has to give I am thankful for! But mostly I am thankful for my sister in law and a very good friend going through cancer treatment and coming out the other side. Alive and well and nothing can be better than that! So I am Very Very thankful!

Huw

I'm pretty thankful for my family as they've helped me with some of my financial problems this year, especially when it came to keeping my car on the road so i can get to my local college and also to my job.

Vikki

Im thankful for my gorgeous new flat and having a lovely new home in time for Christmas. Plus the fact I got a really good deal on it!

Ashley Sherwood

I am thankful for many things this year and 2011 has been the best year ever.. (Prepare for a huge essay of a comment).

First of all, I met my partner Edward which I can safely say has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. He has been there to support me through good and bad, helped me when I've lost everything and pushed me to start again. He truly is a god send.

I'm just thankful at the end of the day, to have amazing people around me.. and these people aren't just ANY people – they're family, friends, people that have stood by me and when I've needed help, no questions asked, they have been there for me. Through illness, and health.. they have been there for me. But one person, has stood out MORE than anything or anyone, and thats my mum.

And if I win the vouchers, I'll even let her pick a few items.. it's only fair.

Heather

hi there,

i am a american that lives in England with my lovely british husband. and being away from my family and friends around all holidays are hard for me especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. But every year i still celebrate my american holidays that they don't have here with his family and i couldn't do most of the dishes without the help of American Soda!!! i also love my Ranch Dressing and i can't seem to find anything here that remotely taste like it here so then again American Soda is there. So in short what i am thankful for this year would be my loving husband and his family for helping me not to miss home that much more and to american Soda for helping to not miss my favourite foods from back home in America.

Thanks,
Heather Prieto

Marilyn Ralston

I am thankful for the loving family and friends i have, in particular my son who loves me unconditionally and makes every day worth living and so much fun! Having such wonderful people to share these special fun times with gives my life its meaning and nothing is more important or more fulfilling.



Karen Brognard

I'm thankful for my (new) good friends here in the UK that have made my first year living abroad with small children manageable. Without friends we wouldn't have been introduced to some fantastic places, given our children the opportunity to socialize here, had the opportunity to work, etc. I believe true friends help every aspect of your professional and personal life become more rewarding and fulfilling.

Ben Hoey

This year I have quite a few things to be thankful for... I went on 2 amazing holidays with my family, my 2 year old goldfish laid her eggs and she survived through it and all the fish babies are happily living my my friends. I was also very lucky to win tickets to the MTV EMA's in my hometown and met 30 seconds to Mars! There are a lot of things to be thankful for so I am so grateful and thankful for all of these things.

Ben Hughes

I am very thankful for every day at the moment as I had a heart/double lung transplant four and a half years ago and four months ago my lungs were classed as being in chronic rejection, so everyday at the moment is a bonus. I am also very thankful for the organs I received all that time ago. Just to anyone who reads this if you havent considered signing up to the organ donor register could you please consider it, from one american food lover to another. You really could be a "life-saver" cheers. Ben - Shrewsbury

Paul Watt

I am thankful for Skyrim coming out on the 11th

Steven Joynson

Im thankful for the fact I'm not 32 until a few days after thanksgiving day so that if I win this I can pig out before I get old

Rachel Ward

I am thankful for many things, I am thankful to my family, I got married in August and my family came from all over the country to be with us, I am thankful to my husband for supporting me during my course to become a teacher and thankful to my children for being such well behaved and letting mummy sleep in on the odd occasion. I am thankful to you guys for selling vanilla coke, after many years of having none. I am most thankful to the hospital for letting my mother in law to carry on her fight with a brain tumour and the long battle but her amazing sprit. I have a lot to be thankful for, I could not reward everyone but a totsiroll each would be a good start, nothing flash but it will make a splash in their hearts

Caron McGarvey

I'm incredibly thankful for my family who put up with me when i was stressed out about uni this year. I'm graduating on the 18th of November, started my masters course and i couldnt have done it without their support.

Deb

I am thankful to my beautiful 5 month old baby daughter. Took me over 6 long years to have her, but so worth it.



zoe

this year i really to have a lot to be thankful i met the most amazing man after giving up on ever finding the one again and now we are having our 1st child together. all this has come at finding out that my granys pancreatic cancer has finally gone. it truly has been a year to be thankful for x

mick stockton

im thankful for being able to go self employed as a body piercer after being made redundant from my previous job in a bank

Kieran

I am thankful for my family this time of year as Christmas time wouldn't be the same without them.

Joe Dawes

I'm extremely thankful for the day i spent with my friends watching the whole extended LOTR trilogy extended editions whilst eating £150 worth of American soda goodies. Perfect day.

Alarif

I'm thankful for Arsenal FC turning their terrible season around



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Have a great holiday season!

