

Glowing Thanks Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. I am thankful for my family's love and support.
2. I am thankful for warm food and cozy nights.
3. I am thankful for my friends who make me laugh.
4. I am thankful for teachers who help me learn new things.
5. I am thankful for freedom to celebrate holidays.
6. I am thankful for my home and safe place to rest.
7. I am thankful for kindness and people who care for others.
8. I am thankful for the light of hope that shines every day.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:**
 - For younger or emerging writers, provide sentence starters like "I feel happy when..." or picture prompts for each night.
 - For older students, encourage more descriptive sentences that include *why* they feel thankful.
- **Engagement Tip:**
 - Create a "Class Menorah of Gratitude" by having students write each sentence on a paper flame and add one per day.
 - Encourage sharing aloud-students love hearing unique reasons for thankfulness.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write a short reflection comparing gratitude in Hanukkah traditions to those in other holidays.
 - Challenge advanced learners to write a short poem or acrostic using the word **HANUKKAH** to express thankfulness.
 - Integrate art by letting students decorate each candle with symbols of what they're grateful for (family, light, freedom, etc.).