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Heartfelt Harvest List Answer Key

Because this is a personal reflection, there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. A successful worksheet will include:

- **Completion:** A specific item listed for all five categories.
- **Reasoning:** A "because" statement for each that shows clear thought (e.g., "I am grateful for my boots because they keep my feet dry in the rain").
- **Grammar:** Full sentences starting with capital letters and ending with punctuation.

Teacher Guide

Purpose: The goal of this activity is to move students beyond simple one-word lists. By requiring a "because" statement, students in Grade 2 to Grade 4 practice **elaborative writing** and critical thinking regarding their own emotions and values.

Engagement Tips

- **The Gratitude Gallery:** Have students choose their favorite entry and write it on a paper "feather." Tape the feathers to a turkey body on a bulletin board to create a "Gratitude Turkey."
- **Modeling:** Share your own examples first. For Category 4, you might say, "I am grateful for my ability to read because it allows me to travel to new worlds in books."

Differentiation

- **For Struggling Writers:** Provide sentence starters for the "Because" section, such as "It makes me feel..." or "It helps me to..."
- **For Advanced Learners:** Challenge students to use at least two **adjectives** in each explanation to add more detail to their writing.

Extension Ideas

- **Gratitude Journaling:** Use this worksheet as a template for a week-long journaling project where students write one "Because" statement every morning.