

*Namastē*: (Hello)

My name is Malika. My family and I live in a small village in Maharashtra, India. It is far from the United States and is in a part of the world known as Asia. If you ever visited India you would see how beautiful it is here. In the United States, you have 50 states. Here in India we have 28, and each one is beautiful in its own way.

Family is very important in India. I love my family because we all help each other. I live with my parents, two sisters, one brother, and my grandparents. I help with the cooking, washing clothes, and fetching water. My sisters and I fetch water from the village water pump each day. We carry the water pots on our heads, which you can see in my photo.



Have you ever carried anything on your head? We place a piece of cloth on our heads to protect them. In my family everyone helps. My father is a farmer and grows cotton and turmeric. My brother often helps him. My mother is an elementary school teacher, but also works very hard at home as most mothers do. Although we each work hard, we also have great fun together. We eat our meals together, play games, and sometimes take trips, visiting our relatives or go sightseeing.

I am very curious about the United States and what your family life is like. Do you have brothers or sisters? Who is part of your family? What do you do together for fun? How do people in your family help each other? How do you help your family?

I look forward to learning more about you and your family!

Namaste, (Good-bye)

Malika