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Many people join at their house or at the mall, but the exciting place is New York, for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. People laughing and talking, getting all pumped up for what they are about to see. Everyone lined up miles and miles out all just in line to see the parade. Little kids laughing with their families and everyone is just bitter cold, with little gusts of wind blowing in their faces as they stand still all bundled up in winter coats. The floats are about to come out, just a little bit longer and the fun will begin and the parade will be live on T.V. for everyone to see at home.

From Jazz to pop to country, music is always playing for the great audience that is standing out for hours in the frigid cold. As the jingle bells are ringing for donations for Christmas, everyone is giving money rapidly. Everyone is laughing and talking with friends and family, having a wonderful time. When news reporters come up to people and ask them questions, people are racing over to get onto T.V. The marching band strolls across the stream of the street before the actual floats come by. The instrument sounds are ricocheting around the whole block. As the floats come out many famous singers are singing on top of the floats, as the fans scream for joy.

The camera crew zooming by every single person, to get on T.V. Watching thousands of people jump for joy as the floats finally come, decorated so beautifully it is worth it to get on camera for heart-felt memories. The news reporters are filming every single bit of the parade and crew members and getting interviewed every second. Up in the baby blue sky you see gigantic hot air balloons as the real best known movie or T.V show characters, with the crew workers walking slowly on the rocky, hard concrete, with the strings attached to the balloon. Live musicals are playing for the whole audience and the performance is astounding from what the front row people see. Singing as loud as they can to perform a great show for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and having an awarded applause at the end of the fine musicals.

BBQ coming from down the street, swift through the air as the floats are slowly coming down. Fresh air fills the area with joy, to know that it is a wonderful day. Many people grabbing a snack from concession stands. Getting pretzels slathered in hot cheese is making your nose burst. From different places in the world, people are put next to others that have smells that fill the air with grief, because of their strong cologne or strong perfume.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a wonderful place to be with friends and family on a holiday, where you are giving. Everyone laughing and cheering for the famous floats that come down the stream every Thanksgiving Day. Despite the coldness, the floats are perfectly lined up and ready to go. The musical singers are getting prepared and ready to perform a great show. Talking about how excited people are the audience is all ready to see an amazing show. Many people from all over the world come for this one day of the year for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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### Skating

A place my friends and I gather at is the skating rink. Listening to music, skating, and talking are three of the most common activities we do.

One thing we do is listen to music. Some of us like listening to Pop. Others like listening to Country. Rap is another genre people like listening to. My personal favorite is rap because i like how the sound and the rhythm pulses through your body like its a heart about to explode.

Skating is also something fun we all do together. When I skate the wind runs its fingers through my hair. My heart is pulsing fast as the energy kicks in. I feel like i'm a bird flying through the air with its flock. Everything around me dissapears as i soar through the rink.

The other thing we do a lot while we are skating is talk. It's a very good place to socialize. As you talk you can barely hear the person next to you because the music is so loud. All around there is people sitting down or skating. Some peoples shirts are glowing and the walls are glowing. While you are talking all you can smell is pickles and nachos. If you suck in the air you can almost taste all of the sweat.

Obviously, you can tell my friends and I love to skate.

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A high school football game is probably the best place for people to gather. Every where you go there is always so much to see, hear, and smell. These things are my favorite at a high school football game.

Some of the best sights are seen at a high school football game. There is the 8 foot tall steel gates at the front entrance. Two ticket booths with bricks forming a small room on the inside are to the left and the right of the front gate. Hard concrete lays a path to the seating section for the people rooting for the home team. The home team bleachers are just cold metal with a big white concrete bricks building in the middle for where the announcer sits. There is the sight of people jumping up and down as the home team runs in bursting through a paper banner of their logo.

Whoops and hollers are heard as the home team dashes across the field to go take their bench. The cling clang of feet against the metal on the stands. The sounds of kids screaming and the principals yelling at the kids to stop messing around and take a seat. There is the shouts as the people working the concession call out orders for the customers. The fizzling as soda is opened. Then there is the loud booming voice as the announcer says the starting line up for the home team. Yelling of the quarterback is heard as he calls the play and hikes the ball. The slamming of the players tackling one another. The horrid screams as one player lies on the field in pain holding whatever hurts. The silence of the crowd as people begin to notice what happened. Then the cheers and claps as he walks or limps back onto the bench. These are just some of the sounds heard at a football game.

The next best thing about football games are the smells. There is the smell of freshly popped popcorn with fatting butter on top. The smells of pops being drank. Juicy hamburgers and hot dogs are all around the stadium. Then there is the smell of the chocolate smell as hot coco is made on a cold fall day. The odor of the players as they sweat through their jerseys after a hard game fought. Then the smells of gas and smoke as cars heat up and drive away from the school and go back home to enjoy the rest of the evening

As you can see these are just few things that make a high school football game the best place to gather. Whether you go to watch the game or spend time with your friends your are sure to have a good time thanks to all these senses. Hopefully these sights, smells, and sounds will always be there.

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#### Where We Meet

My friends' and I's most favorite place to meet to, figure things out or work on a project, is one of our houses because of the size of the house, the different rooms in the house, and the snack choices we have. The size of the house is better when it is big because we can do more and will have more room to do stuff. We need more room because if we are doing a project for school then we need a bigger space to lay things out and get organized. A smaller room would not be as good because we could be cramped and not have much room to do anything.

Also a good factor of a house is the different rooms it has. If there are different rooms then my friends and I would be able to do more activities at a time. As to if there was only one room then we wouldn't get to do a lot of activities. A one room house would not be good at all because there would not be any room for people to do anything. The many different rooms a house can contain can be a bathroom, a kitchen, a living room, a few bedrooms, and a dining room.

The last reason why I like going to houses for activities or projects is because of the snacks we get. Sometimes we could get a big snack and other times we would get a smaller snack. I don't usually like getting bigger snacks because I feel bad for taking their food even if they do give me permission. My favorite snack is string cheese so I usually ask for string cheese when we get an option for a snack. Most of the time we do get a choice of snack. The size, the different rooms, and the snack choices are obviously why I enjoy meeting at houses with my friends.

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I pull my key out of the ignition and I get out of my car. As I approach the door I am bombarded with the smell of some kind of food. The door swings open and I am greeted with a hug from my grandmother who has obviously been cooking all day. I climb up the stairs and can tell that the rest of my family is upstairs and watching a football game. When I reach the top of the steps most everyone says hi and I get a few hugs and the focus is back on the game. Everybody has a place where they gather as a family. In every home there are specific smells, sounds, sights, and feelings you get when you are in it, and that is what makes it unique.

To begin there are many sights and sounds in my grandparent's house. The house itself is a modest home. It has two levels an upstairs and a downstairs, containing lots of oversized furniture that seem to be too big for the rooms. A large table takes up the entire dining room; but it does seat all 10 of our family members. There always is some kind of noise, sometimes it is music other times it is the television. If it happens to be music it is very soft and relaxing, but if it is the television it is an old show or an old western movie. I can't forget football which always ends up on the screen eventually no matter what.

Walking into the house a number of feelings overwhelm me. It always seems warm literally it's 80 degrees at all times. I feel invited when I am inside, like they want me there with them. The house feels safe with my family around. Nothing too terrible could happen. Also it is just a happy environment; we all get along and love one another very much. We as a family only want the best outcomes in life. Being a close knit family makes us stick together because of our struggles he have went through together in the past. For those reasons I feel loved when I am there.

Lastly the smells and tastes are always wonderful. No matter what there is always some kind of meat cooking. It makes your mouth water every time and tastes great. Whether it is on the grill or in the oven it is cooking. My family also loves to bake, especially my grandmother, we know we will get some kind of dessert. It could be cookies, pie, cake or even brownies. The smell scrumptious, and tastes divine. On lucky days she makes an array of desserts. My grandmother's house is overly clean. You can almost smell how clean it is. The counters smell like lemon. They smell so much like lemon bars, I almost want to take a bite. In all the smells and taste make the house complete.

The smells, sights, sounds, and feelings that make my grandmother's house itself. Where do you normally get together with family? My grandfather calls "dinner is ready" and we head into the dining room to sit down. I look around and realize all the things that make this house so special. The smells, the family, and the sounds are perfect examples of why this place is so special to me.

