

## **What makes California wonderful**

California is such an amazing place. There are a lot of amazing things to visit and do. There is the ocean, the mountains, the valley and the desert. So many amazing climates to visit. I feel lucky to live here because of all the nature and beautiful sites to see.

We are super close to the ocean. The reason I love the ocean is because I can swim and have picnics on the beach. I can make sand castles and have fun splashing in the water. The water is cold but you get used to it. My favorite thing to do is boogie board and catch sand crabs. The waves are strong and try to push you over when you stand in them.

We have really big mountains in California. The thing I love about the mountains is the fresh air, snow and waterfalls. I love to play in the snow and have snowball fights. I like to hike and look up at all the tall trees. In spring I love seeing all the beautiful flowers. There are so many different colors and I love the way they smell.

I live in the San Joaquin valley. My Dad is a farmer. We grow so many things in the valley. My favorite crop is pistachios. I love to eat them right off of the tree. They are so yummy, green and soft. I love almond trees when they bloom. They are so pretty and white. I love to drive the cotton picker with my Dad. In the valley we are so close to the beach and mountains, it is a perfect spot to live.

I haven't been able to go to the desert yet. I would like to see all the animals and cactus there. Cacti are so tall and pokey and only live in the desert. The desert is really hot so when I go I want to be by a swimming pool. I will just have to watch out for snakes.

California is amazing because of all the great weather and nature we have. I am happy to live here because my family and friends are here and it is so beautiful. My family has farmed in the San Joaquin Valley for five generations and I am excited to grow up here. Thank you California for being so amazing, beautiful and fun.