

THINGS THAT MAKE MY WORLD SPIN

In addition to never having liked the Oregon Ducks, I also begrudge listening to the slurp and smack of other's ingestion; itchy, tight, sweaty clothes; friends who can't sing for the life of them but think they are the next American Idol; shoes that may look amazing, but don't feel amazing; people saying "**Happy Holidays!**" just to be "politically correct"; being poked and prodded by needles and IV's; creepy looking doctors; nights where I am so tired I want to pass out but I can't go to sleep; Hannah Montana/**Miley Cyrus's** fake singing and fake life; losing my belongings and not knowing where they are; flash photography that makes my face shiny and pale; cloudy, dull, **gray skies**; bees, wasps and other flying bugs that sting me; icky cockroaches; teacher who don't explain things well, and then get mad when I don't understand; missing the soccer ball by an inch so that the other team scores; crispy, rough, **air-dried clothes**; being tired and slow all day; interruptions when I am saying something important; endless school days in which the minutes seem like hours; girls who dumb themselves down so guys will like them; seeing something perfect to take a picture of and not having my camera; and people who sit idly while everyone else is working hard around them.

However, there are some things I have liked, do take delight in: dancing in chilly rain on a warm, sticky day; soft plum trees in spring; taking pictures of scenery that looks like a perfect postcard; surfing; cold, thick, and creamy **Oreo milkshakes**; trustworthy and honest people; Brio, the best teen girls magazine that I learn so much from; palm trees; sunrises that symbolize the value of having today; singing and skipping across open fields on a **gloriously sunny day**; traveling around the globe; amazing role models of cousins; the season and spirit of Christmas; fancy dresses and events to wear them to; my dad's after Thanksgiving club sandwiches; the smell of salty **ocean water**; serving and giving my time to people who need it; refreshing cream soda; summer evenings when the air is **warm and cozy**; being my own person; eating giant **avocados**; good friends that I can be myself around; every type of Thai food, as long as it's not too spicy; the dusty smell of the earth after a rain shower; my pretty bible that helps me live every day; and every shade of purple.