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Dear _____

Your friend,

Answer Key

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Dear Miranda ,

I was afraid to leave. We are a lot better now that we finally made it to America. It was a long boat ride. I think we were on the boat for two weeks. We got on the boat when it was dark at night so the soldiers wouldn't see us. The next day, the engine broke and we had to make a sail by tying our clothes together. It was hard to steer the boat with the sail and we landed somewhere the soldiers wouldn't let us stay.

We ran out of food and water and we were so hungry. We fished for food and caught rainwater to drink. The scariest part was when thieves came to our boat and took all our money and jewelry. Eventually, we found America and the day we arrived was Thanksgiving. It is a holiday where everyone celebrates by having a big feast with friends and family to give thanks for everything they have. We are so thankful to be here.

Your friend,
Vanessa