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## The Friendship Blend

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary. Example response: Mei and Alex's friendship enriched their lives by exposing them to new experiences and perspectives. Mei gained a deeper appreciation for soccer and discovered a love for trying new foods. Alex developed an interest in Chinese painting and learned about the cultural significance of art. Together, they grew as individuals and embraced each other's backgrounds.
2. Diversity in friendships benefits society by fostering tolerance, empathy, and cross-cultural understanding. It promotes acceptance of different perspectives and backgrounds, leading to a more inclusive and harmonious community.
3. Answers may vary. Example response (as Mei or Alex): Dear [Friend's Name], the most memorable moment of our friendship was when we attended the Harmonyville Cultural Festival together. It was incredible to see how different cultures came together to celebrate their traditions. We tried delicious foods, watched amazing performances, and learned so much about each other's backgrounds. That day, I realized how lucky I am to have a friend like you who enriches my life with diversity and new experiences. Yours, [Mei or Alex].
4. Promoting diversity and inclusivity in our communities can be achieved by organizing cultural exchange events, celebrating multicultural festivals, and encouraging open dialogue among different groups. We can also support educational programs that teach the value of diversity and challenge stereotypes.

