

1 Look at the pictures. Use the words to complete the text.



Thanksgiving

in the USA



Thanksgiving is a special holiday in the USA. Americans celebrate it on the fourth Thursday of November every year. On this day, people spend time with their **1) f** _____ and enjoy a big meal. They eat foods like **2) r** _____ **t** _____, **3) p** _____ **p** _____ and **4) c** _____ **s** _____ . They also decorate their tables with things like a **5) p** _____ or some colourful **6) l** _____ . People do a lot of fun things during Thanksgiving, too. Lots of people play or watch **7) A** _____ **f** _____ on this day. They also watch a **8) p** _____ . Many cities across the USA have Thanksgiving parades, but the most famous is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York. Over 50 million people watch it every year!



leaves



pumpkin



roast turkey



parade



American football



pumpkin pie



cranberry sauce



family



2 Use the code to find out the message.

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1 Read the text and complete the gaps. Use these words: *gravy, cranberry, turkey, potatoes, pumpkin, corn, yams, stuffing*.

Thanksgiving Dinner in the USA

Thanksgiving is an important holiday in the USA. Millions of Americans look forward to it all year long. For many people, the best part of Thanksgiving is the dinner because they eat some really tasty dishes.

Thanksgiving dinners are usually very big, so most Americans start with the main course. However, some people like to serve **1) _____**  before dinner as a Thanksgiving starter. They usually boil it and then they add just a little salt and butter. It's simple, but it tastes great.

For the main course, it's a tradition to have **roast 2) _____** . People fill it with **3) _____** . To make it, most people use breadcrumbs, onions, celery, and spices. Then they serve it with some creamy **mashed 4) _____** , candied **5) _____**  and hot **6) _____** . It's delicious! Some people also love sweet **7) _____** **sauce**  on their turkey. It's very tasty!

For dessert, they usually serve **8) _____** **pie** . Sometimes, they add toppings like whipped cream or ice cream. It is the perfect way to finish a Thanksgiving meal.

2 Imagine you are having a Thanksgiving dinner. Prepare your own Thanksgiving menu.



Thanksgiving Menu



Starters	Main Course	Dessert
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1 Do the quiz about Thanksgiving. Then check your answers.

Thanksgiving

Quiz

- 1 Although Thanksgiving now lasts one day, it was originally a ____-day festival.
A three B five C seven
- 2 The *Mayflower* returned to England about a year after the pilgrims arrived in America.
A TRUE B FALSE
- 3 Turkey wasn't the only meat served at the first Thanksgiving in 1621. There was also venison (deer meat), duck and goose.
A TRUE B FALSE
- 4 From 1863 to 1938, Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on the ____ Thursday and not the fourth as it is today.
A first B second C last
- 5 Every year, the president of the USA pardons one turkey, meaning that the turkey will not end up on anyone's dinner table that year.
A TRUE B FALSE
- 6 On 3rd October, 1863, President ____ made Thanksgiving Day a national holiday.
A Truman B Roosevelt C Lincoln
- 7 The famous Christmas song ____ was originally written for Thanksgiving.
A *Rudolf, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* B *Jingle Bells* C *The Little Drummer Boy*
- 8 Around ____ million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving every year.
A 46 B 69 C 83
- 9 Americans eat approximately ____ million pumpkin pies on Thanksgiving each year!
A 30 B 40 C 50
- 10 American Football games have been a Thanksgiving tradition since ____ .
A 1876 B 1920 C 1966
- 11 The Macy's Thanksgiving parade in New York first took place in 1924, and featured real live zoo animals, such as bears, elephants, camels and monkeys.
A TRUE B FALSE
- 12 Canada has its own version of Thanksgiving, which is celebrated on the ____ Monday of October every year.
A first B second C third

Answers
1 A, 2 B, 3 A, 4 C, 5 A, 6 C, 7 B, 8 A, 9 C, 10 A, 11 A, 12 B

2 **ICT** In groups, prepare a quiz about Thanksgiving. Swap quizzes with another group. Which group got most of the answers correct?



1 Read the story. Then look at the clues and do the crossword.

The story of Thanksgiving



On 6th September, 1620, the Pilgrims, a group of 102 hopeful colonists from Plymouth, England, set sail for North America in order to begin a new life. After 66 long days at sea on their ship, *The Mayflower*, they eventually saw land at Cape Cod on 9th November. This was north of their original destination, but they were happy to have reached the end of an extremely difficult and dangerous journey across the Atlantic Ocean. On 16th December, they reached Plymouth Rock. They decided to create a new town there, which they named Plymouth.

At first, the Pilgrims were happy to have finally arrived. However, they soon found that life was far from easy. They struggled to survive the winter of 1620 as it was extremely cold and they knew little about the place. Luckily, in early 1621 they met some Native Americans, including an English-speaking man named Squanto. Over time, the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to hunt, farm and build homes.

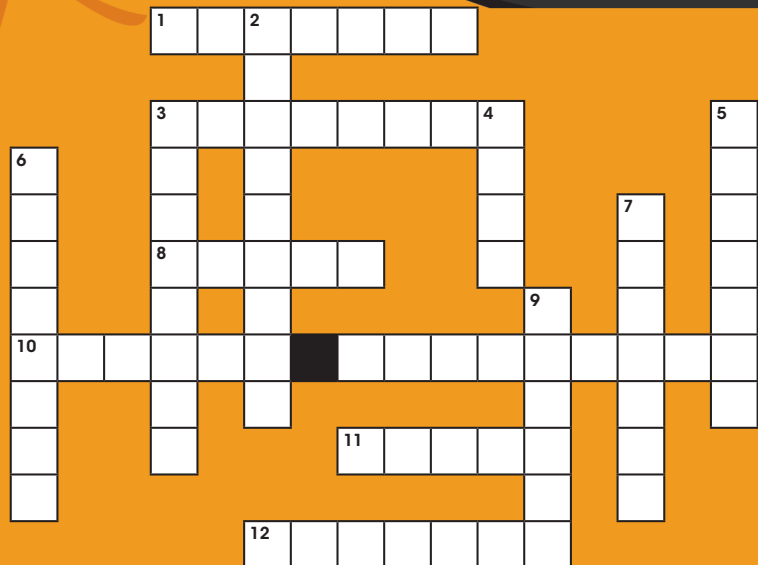
Thanks to the Native Americans, the Pilgrims produced plenty of food during the autumn harvest of 1621. To thank the people who had helped them survive their first year, the Pilgrims prepared a feast that lasted 3 days. They ate foods like corn, pumpkin, lobster, deer meat and goose. Though the first Thanksgiving celebration on record happened in 1623, this first harvest feast is considered the true beginning of the famous Thanksgiving tradition.

Across

- 1 A large fruit which is harvested during autumn.
- 3 The town established by English settlers in 1620.
- 8 A large water bird that usually has white or grey feathers.
- 10 The first people the colonists met after their long journey.
- 11 A large meal prepared for a celebration.
- 12 A type of shellfish with claws on its two front legs.

Down

- 2 The ship on which the colonists travelled in 1620.
- 3 The colonists who left England to start a new life overseas.
- 4 To chase and catch an animal for food.
- 5 The process of gathering crops at the end of autumn.
- 6 The ocean between Europe and America.
- 7 The English-speaking tribe member who helped the settlers.
- 9 This season was difficult for the colonists to endure.



2 Imagine you are one of the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving feast. Give a speech. Talk about: *your journey, the first year in the new land and your feelings.*

Thanksgiving A1

1

1 family

2 roast turkey

3 pumpkin pie

4 cranberry sauce

5 pumpkin

6 leaves

7 American football

8 parade

2

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving A2

1

1 corn

2 turkey

3 stuffing

4 potatoes

5 yams

6 gravy

7 cranberry

8 pumpkin

2

Starters

Main course

Dessert

Crispy mushrooms

roast turkey

apple pie

Corn

pumpkin pie

pecan bars

sweet potato hummus

mashed potatoes

pumpkin cheesecake

Thanksgiving B1

1

Answers already on document

2

Ss' own answers

Thanksgiving B2

1

1 PUMPKIN

2 MAYFLOWER

3 PLYMOUTH

4 HUNT

5 HARVEST

6 ATLANTIC

7 SQUANTO

8 GOOSE

9 WINTER

10 NATIVE AMERICANS

11 FEAST

12 LOBSTER

2

Ss' own answers