Thankfulness

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Read the following passage and attempt the exercises given:

Thanksgiving

When is Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is a celebration in the United States of America on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

Why do people celebrate Thanksgiving in America?

The first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 was a harvest festival. People called Pilgrims had arrived in New England in America. They had a feast with a Native American tribe. The Pilgrims gave thanks for their first good harvest and for the Native Americans who had helped them. Thanksgiving didn't happen every year until more than two hundred years later.

Who made Thanksgiving an official holiday?

A writer called Sarah Josepha Hale tried and tried for seventeen years to make Thanksgiving a real annual national holiday in America. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln, who was the President then, made it official.



Thanksgiving is a time to:

- give thanks;
- see friends and family;
- have a day off;
- close the shops;
- have a big roast dinner with delicious food like turkey, stuffing, potatoes, pumpkin pie and yams (a vegetable like sweet potatoes).

What else do they give thanks for?

People now give thanks for a safe journey to America, their family and friends and food. Lots of people see it as the start of the Christmas season and many Americans see Thanksgiving as even more important than Christmas dinner.

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1. Thanksgiving is celebrated on

   a. 4th Thursday of October
   b. 4th Thursday of November
   c. 4th Thursday of January
   d. 4th Thursday of Novembre

2. The first Thanksgiving meal was in

   a. 1620 b.1622
   c. 1621 d. 1623

3. <u>Fill in the blanks with words from the passage:</u>

_____ had their first good harvest in 1621. They gave _____ for their first good _____ and for the _____ Americans who had helped them.

The writer , _____ _____ tried for _____ years to make _____ a national holiday. _____ _____, made Thanksgiving an official holiday in _____. Thanksgiving is a time to give _____, have a _____ off, have a big _____ dinner with _____ and family.

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