

Name _____ Date _____ List #: ____ - ____

I. **DIRECTIONS:** Read the article below and then answer the questions.

What is Thanksgiving?



Thanksgiving (or Thanksgiving Day) is a holiday that is celebrated both in Canada and in the U.S.A. It has been a holiday in many places in Canada since 1957 and in all of the American states since 1863. In Canada it is celebrated on the second

Monday in October, while in the U.S. it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. No one is sure exactly when the first Thanksgiving was celebrated, but many Americans think it was in 1621 – in a small town called Plymouth. It was celebrated by a small group of people from England called ‘Pilgrims’. It was celebrated because one of the Native American people (people who first lived

in North America) taught **them** how to catch fish and how to grow corn. This man’s name was Squanto. The Pilgrims were very thankful for this help. Without **it**, many more Pilgrims might have died from hunger. The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted for three days and it included fifty English men, women and children and about ninety Native Americans. Afterwards, Thanksgiving became more and more popular in the United States until it finally became a national holiday. In both Canada and the U.S., turkey is the main part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal. Other foods commonly eaten include stuffing and mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. According to Wikipedia,

“Americans eat more food on Thanksgiving than on any other day of the year.”

Along with Christmas and New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving is one of the three major holiday celebrations of the year. According to usnews.com, 46.3 million Americans will travel fifty miles or more to be with friends and family to eat Thanksgiving dinner.

____ **1. Where is Thanksgiving celebrated?**

- (a) England, Canada and the U.S.A.
- (b) Canada and the U.S.A.
- (c) the U.S.A.

____ **2. Thanksgiving is celebrated on different days in different places.**

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn’t say.

___3. How long has Thanksgiving been a holiday in the U.S.A?

- (a) since 1621
- (b) since 1957
- (c) since 1863

___4. In the middle of the article, what does the word 'them' refer to?

- (a) the Native Americans
- (b) the people from England
- (c) fish

___5. Where did Squanto come from?

- (a) New York
- (b) England
- (c) North America

___6. In the middle of the article, what does the word 'it' refer to?

- (a) help
- (b) Pilgrims
- (c) Thanksgiving

___7. According to the article, how many people may have celebrated the first Thanksgiving?

- (a) about 140
- (b) about 50
- (c) It doesn't say.

___8. Which food is NOT mentioned as being eaten at Thanksgiving?

- (a) turkey
- (b) potatoes
- (c) apple pie

___9. According to the article, Thanksgiving is the most important American celebration of the year.

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn't say.

___10. According to the article, most Americans travel to eat Thanksgiving dinner.

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn't say.

Grammar-in-Context

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(7)___ them how to catch fish and how to grow corn. This man's name (8)___ Squanto. The Pilgrims were very thankful for this help. Without it, many more Pilgrims might have died from hunger. The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted for three days and it (9)___ fifty English men, women and children and about ninety Native Americans. Afterwards, Thanksgiving became more and more popular in the United

States until it finally became a national holiday. In both Canada and the U.S., turkey (10)___ the main part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal. Other foods commonly eaten include stuffing and mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. According to Wikipedia, "Americans eat (11)___ food on Thanksgiving than on any other day of the year." Along with Christmas and New Year's Day, Thanksgiving is one of the three major holiday celebrations of the year. According to usnews.com, 46.3 million Americans will travel fifty miles or more to be with friends and family to (12)___ Thanksgiving dinner.

II. DIRECTIONS: Complete the article by choosing the correct words. Write the correct letter on the following lines.

___ 1.

- (A) holiday
- (B) the holiday
- (C) a holiday
- (D) holidays

___ 5.

- (A) and
- (B) because
- (C) so
- (D) but

___ 9.

- (A) include
- (B) including
- (C) included
- (D) includes

___ 2.

- (A) is
- (B) are
- (C) am
- (D) be

___ 6.

- (A) what
- (B) who
- (C) where
- (D) when

___ 10.

- (A) was
- (B) are
- (C) were
- (D) is

___ 3.

- (A) Ø (no word)
- (B) an
- (C) a
- (D) the

___ 7.

- (A) teaches
- (B) taught
- (C) teach
- (D) teaching

___ 11.

- (A) more
- (B) many
- (C) much (D) most

___ 4.

- (A) think
- (B) thinks
- (C) thinking
- (D) were thinking

___ 8.

- (A) were
- (B) is
- (C) was
- (D) are

___ 12.

- (A) eating
- (B) ate
- (C) eats
- (D) eat