

Read the text about typical Thanksgiving traditions. Some words are missing. Complete the text by writing one word for each gap (1–13) in the spaces provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



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Celebrating Thanksgiving

Each year, Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. Most families follow traditions begun on the first Thanksgiving, (0) and many have their own traditions that they follow each year. Here are (1) ___ of the common traditions associated with "Turkey Day."

Travel

One of the best (2) ___ about Thanksgiving is spending time with family. Many people live far away (3) ___ family members and travel long distances by car, train, or plane to be with their loved ones. Thanksgiving is the busiest travel (4) ___ of the year!

The Feast

Traditional foods are a large (5) ___ of Thanksgiving celebrations. Many families include (6) ___ entire family in the food preparation. Traditional foods include turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Many people serve pie for dessert (7) ___ the end of the meal. Popular pie flavors are pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato, and apple.

Vegetarian Foods

Some families choose to serve vegetarian Thanksgiving dinners (8) ___ of a stuffed turkey. Some people eat vegetarian turkey, which is (9) ___ out of tofu. Others prefer to eat squash, salads, or other fruit and vegetable dishes.

The Wishbone

Some families include breaking the turkey's wishbone (10) ___ part of their celebration. The wishbone is found attached to the breast meat in the turkey's chest. After the meat has (11) ___ removed and the wishbone has had a chance to become dry and brittle, two people each take one end of the bone, make a wish, and pull. Whoever ends (12) ___ with the larger part of the bone gets their wish!

The Turkey Pardon

Each year at Thanksgiving, the President of the United States receives a gift of a live turkey (along with an alternate in case something happens to the official turkey). At a White House ceremony, the president traditionally "pardons" the National Thanksgiving Turkey and the alternate turkey, allowing them to live out the rest of their (13) ___ on a farm.

Helping Others

Many generous folks use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to help the less fortunate. Some people volunteer to serve food at homeless shelters on Thanksgiving Day and others donate to shelters or participate in canned food drives.

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Read the text about drinking water in Africa. Some parts are missing. Choose the correct part (A–Q) for each gap (1–14). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



Lack of clean drinking water

Aylito Binayo's feet know the mountain. Even at four in the morning she (0) B___ the rocks to the river by starlight alone and (1) ___ the steep mountain back up to her village with 50 pounds of water on her back. She (2) ___ this journey three times a day for nearly all her 25 years. So has

(3)___ woman in her village of Foro, in the Konso district of southwestern Ethiopia. Binayo (4) ___

school when she was eight years old, in part because she (5) ___ her mother fetch water from the Toiro River. The water is dirty and (6) ___ to drink; every year that the ongoing drought continues, the once mighty river grows more exhausted. But it is the (7) ___ water Foro has ever had.

The task of fetching water defines life for Binayo. She must also help her husband grow cassava and beans in their fields, gather grass for their goats, dry grain and take it to the mill for grinding into flour, cook meals, keep the family compound clean, and (8) ___ her three small sons. None of these jobs is as important or as consuming as the eight hours or so she (9) ___ each day fetching water.

In wealthy parts of the world, people turn on a faucet and out pours abundant, clean water. Yet

10 ___ 900 million people in the world have no (11) ___ clean water, and 2.5 billion people have

(12) ___ way to dispose of human waste – many defecate in open fields or (13) ___ the same rivers they drink from. Dirty water and lack of a toilet and proper hygiene kill 3.3 million people around the world annually, (14) ___ children under age five. Here in southern Ethiopia, and in

northern Kenya, a lack of rain over the past few years has made even dirty water elusive.

A access to

G has made

M no safe

B can run down

H permission to

N only

C climb

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O spends

D dropped out of

J most of them

P take care of

E every other

K near

Q unsafe

F had to help

L nearly

