

Read the text and then select the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

THANKSGIVING IN NORTH AMERICA

Thanksgiving is a special holiday for both Americans and Canadians. This festival is celebrated in (1) _____ the same way in both countries, (2) _____ in Canada Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the second Monday of October, (3) _____ in the United States it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving is usually a family holiday, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. On this day people give thanks for blessings received during the year. The tradition began with the colonists of Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621. The first Thanksgiving (4) _____ in harvest festivals or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. This is why Thanksgiving is celebrated in autumn and one of the (5) _____ is the horn of plenty (cornucopia).

After the first harvest, the Pilgrims were (6) _____ thankful that they had a new land and (7) _____ food to eat that they planned a special day for giving thanks to God. To celebrate they had a big feast which (8) _____ three days. The Pilgrims and Native American Indians, (9) _____ had helped them through the hardships and the long cold winter, celebrated together. The ninety Indians who were invited (10) _____ deer and the menu included goose, duck, turkey, fish, fruit and vegetables (11) _____ as pumpkins. Many of these foods are not available to people in Europe.

Nowadays roast turkey has become the symbol of this holiday dinner, but no Thanksgiving meal (12) _____ be complete without corn on the cob, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

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| 1. | A) many | B) little | C) few | D) much |
| 2. | A) however | B) despite | C) although | D) even |
| 3. | A) which | B) that | C) where | D) whereas |
| 4. | A) consisted | B) contained | C) included | D) involved |
| 5. | A) signs | B) symbols | C) emblems | D) representations |
| 6. | A) very | B) really | C) so | D) such |
| 7. | A) much | B) enough | C) little | D) plenty |
| 8. | A) lasted | B) persisted | C) remained | D) carried |
| 9. | A) which | B) that | C) whom | D) who |
| 10. | A) carried | B) delivered | C) brought | D) bought |
| 11. | A) so | B) like | C) for | D) such |
| 12. | A) should | B) would | C) must | D) may |

Find words in the text that correspond in meaning to the words below.

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| 1. Festive: | _____ | 5. Grateful: | _____ |
| 2. Meetings: | _____ | 6. Banquet: | _____ |
| 3. Settlers: | _____ | 7. Difficulties: | _____ |
| 4. Abundant: | _____ | 8. Accessible: | _____ |

