

**Before you read match the labels with the pictures.**

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Storm    turkey    huge waves    journey    harvest    weather    ceiling    seasick





Listen and read . Then do the exercise following the story.

## THE MAYFLOWER

The first English people travelled to America in 1620 on a ship called the *Mayflower*. There were 102 men, women and children on the ship. They are usually called 'the Pilgrims'. They left England because the king didn't like their religion.

The *Mayflower* was a very small boat for the journey of 4,500 kilometres. The ceiling was very low so some passengers couldn't stand up and there wasn't a toilet.

When they left the English port of Plymouth on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1620, it was good weather. But there were storms on the Atlantic Ocean and the waves were huge. A lot of the passengers and workers were seasick. One sailor and one passenger died.

After 66 days, the *Mayflower* arrived at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It was winter and there was a lot of snow so the Pilgrims stayed on the ship until spring. There wasn't much food and it was very cold. A lot of them died. By spring only 53 passengers were still alive.

A Native American called Squanto from the Wampanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims. He taught them to catch fish and grow vegetables. He also showed them useful plants which were medicines.

In the summer of 1621, the Pilgrims harvested the food on their farms. In the autumn, the Pilgrims gave thanks for the harvest and they invited Squanto and his tribe to a meal. The Wampanoags brought a lot of food – turkey, fish, beans and berries. Today people in the USA have a holiday and a special meal every November on Thanksgiving Day. And they remember the Pilgrims who gave thanks for the harvest in 1621.

### NEW WORDS

• king • religio

Choose the correct options.

- 1) The Pilgrims left England because the king didn't like their
    - a) language.
    - b) ideas .
    - c) children.
  - 2) Life on the **Mayflower** was
    - a) difficult.
    - b) comfortable.
    - c) exciting.
  - 3) The **Mayflower** arrived at Cape Cod
    - a) in the Spring.
    - b) in 1621.
    - c) after 66 days.
  - 4) When they go to Cape Cod,
    - a) the Pilgrims immediately built a town.
    - b) it was nearly summer.
    - c) a lot of the Pilgrims died.
  - 5) Squanto helped the Pilgrims
    - a) to find food.
    - b) to find wives.
    - c) to meet other tribes.
  - 6) By the summer of 1621
    - a) the Pilgrims were back in England.
    - b) Squanto was very ill.
    - c) the Pilgrims and the Wampanoage were friends.
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