

THANKSGIVING LISTENING



Listen and then choose the correct words.

On the fourth Thursday of **September / November**, the United States celebrates Thanksgiving. It is a national holiday celebrated annually in the United States. Thanksgiving Day is a day for many **Americans / Canadians** to be thankful for what they have. It is also a special day when families get together for a large meal.

The story of Thanksgiving started a long time ago when some people in **France / England** wanted to break away from the church of England. About one hundred brave men, women and children decided to sail across the **Atlantic / Pacific** Ocean in 1620 to settle in a "New World." They were called Pilgrims. They traveled on a ship called the **Sunflower / Mayflower**.

They traveled the ocean for 66 days and finally arrived in America on Plymouth **Rock / Stone**, what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts - although they intended to dock where New York City is now located. It was a brutally cold **winter / summer**. The Pilgrims did not have enough food. By the end of the winter only 52 of them had survived.

When spring came, the Pilgrims had to learn to feed themselves. Native Americans taught them how to grow **flowers / food**. Native Americans knew how to survive and grow food on this land. In the **fall / autumn**, the Pilgrims gathered a big harvest. They had a big feast, too. The Native Americans were invited to the celebration. They were thankful for the new food and their new friends.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national **vacation / holiday**. Since then, Americans gather to have a meal and to be thankful.

