

# The Story of Thanksgiving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In 1620, a group of people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from England to America. There (2) \_\_\_\_\_ one hundred people on the ship. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to start a new life in America and practice their religion in freedom. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at a place on the north-east coast of America. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it Plymouth. They were far from their home, and life was hard. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ little food and they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ little about their new home. Their first winter in America was very cold. Many of them (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ill and (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, the Native Americans who (10) \_\_\_\_\_ there decided to help them. They (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the newcomers how to grow corn and other plants to eat, and they (12) \_\_\_\_\_ them medicine to treat their illnesses. They also showed their new friends how to hunt for food and how to build better houses. The newcomers (13) \_\_\_\_\_ hard and their crops (14) \_\_\_\_\_. By November 1621 all of them (15) \_\_\_\_\_ food and a home. To thank the Native Americans, the newcomers (16) \_\_\_\_\_ them to a special dinner to celebrate their friendship. This special dinner was the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving dinner (17) \_\_\_\_\_ for three days.

Tell the story of Thanksgiving.  
Put the past simple verbs into the correct spaces.

invited (W)  
called (R)  
had (I)  
taught (Y)  
knew (M)  
sailed (P)  
were (E)  
wanted (L)  
became (S)  
landed (G)  
died (N)  
lived (A)  
worked (L)  
had (W)  
gave (F)  
lasted (R)  
grew (O)



Now write the letters over the numbers to find out more information about the people in the story.

The people who sailed from England to America were called the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The ship they sailed on was called the

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17