

THANKSGIVING

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE MISSING WORDS.

enormous - Parade - dinner - holiday - national - giant - turkeys - November - across together - food - colonists - President - help



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There are also public celebrations _____ the country. New York is famous for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day _____. Macy's is a big department store in the centre of the city. There are thousands of people in the street and also _____ balloons of cartoon characters like Snoopy and Bart Simpson.

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At the first dinner, they ate fish and goose, but not turkey. That tradition started later. Today, people eat 50 million _____ on Thanksgiving Day every year.

Only one turkey is happy that day. The US _____ always "pardons" one turkey every year. Nobody can eat it and the turkey lives the rest of its life in a park.

WORK IN PAIR. ASK YOUR PARTNER AT LEAST 5 QUESTIONS ABOUT THANKSGIVING.



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1 What can you see in the picture?

2 What's going on?

KEY

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