



# THANKSGIVING

PAST SIMPLE & PAST CONTINUOUS, TIME SEQUENCERS AND CONNECTORS

**What is Thanksgiving? Where do people celebrate it? How? Why?**

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## 1. Match these words with their definitions:

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| a) Pilgrims         | ___ Indigenous people of America                 |
| b) Native Americans | ___ a special meal with a lot of food            |
| c) feast            | ___ a group of people who came on the Mayflower  |
| d) harvest          | ___ the fruit and vegetables collected in autumn |
| e) tradition        | ___ something people do every year               |
| f) turkey           | ___ a large bird, usually eaten at Thanksgiving  |
| g) cranberry sauce  | ___ sweet red sauce made from cranberries        |
| h) thankful         | ___ a sweet pie made from pumpkin                |
| i) pumpkin pie      | ___ food you put inside a turkey                 |
| j) stuffing         | ___ feeling grateful, happy for something        |

## 2. Read the story once and then complete it with a word or phrase from the list:

one afternoon in November – when – while – suddenly – after that

### The First Thanksgiving

The story of Thanksgiving began in 1620. The Pilgrims travelled from England to America on a ship called the Mayflower. Their first winter was very hard. Many people were cold and hungry. In the spring, the Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims. They taught them how to plant corn, how to fish, and how to survive in the new land. Thanks to this help, the Pilgrims had a good harvest in 1621.

\_\_\_\_\_, the Pilgrims were preparing a big feast to celebrate the harvest. They were cooking corn, vegetables and bread \_\_\_\_\_ they heard footsteps outside their village. The Wampanoag people arrived and brought turkey, fish, fruit and nuts.

Everyone sat together at wooden tables. They were talking and sharing stories \_\_\_\_\_ they were eating. The Pilgrims felt happy because their new friends helped them survive.

\_\_\_\_\_, loud laughter and shouting came from the children's games. Some of the children were racing, and others were pretending to hunt a turkey. It surprised everyone, but it made the celebration even happier.

They ate, talked, sang and played games for three days.

\_\_\_\_\_, the Pilgrims decided to celebrate a day of thanks every year. This became the beginning of the Thanksgiving tradition.



### 3. Answer the questions:

1. Why was the first winter difficult for the Pilgrims?

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2. Who helped the Pilgrims learn how to farm?

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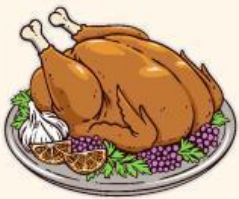
3. What were people doing while they were eating?

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4. How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last?

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### 4. Tick the foods people usually eat at a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.



### 5. Write 2 sentences about the food people ate at the first Thanksgiving.

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### 6. Write 2 sentences about your favourite holiday food (I like ... / I don't like ... / I usually eat ...).

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# Happy Thanksgiving