THANKSGIVING

Write a word in each gap to complete the text.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrim Fathers 1) _____ an English religious group 2) _____ did not agree 3) _____the official Church of England. So, in 1620, 4) _____ decided to emigrate to America. They left 5) _____Plymouth in a ship called *The Mayflower* and landed in New England 57 days 6) _____, on 16th December. They called the landing place Plymouth, 7) _____established a colony 8) _____.

The first winter 9) _____ hard. Fortunately, the Wampanoag Indians helped the settlers 10) _____ survive. In 1621, after the first harvest, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving. In 11) _____, the feast lasted 12) _____ three days.

"The First Thanksgiving"
by Jean Louis Gerome Ferris

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

THANKSGIVING AND ITS TRADITIONS

Family reunion and feasting
The entire family sits at the table during dinner and offer a 1) _____ [PRAY] to the Lord Almighty for his 2) _____ [CONTINUE] grace.

The presidential pardoning of a turkey
"Each year since 1947, there is a ceremony at the White House. Since then, presidents have been more 3) _____ [LIKE] to eat the turkey rather than give it a reprieve. But in 1963, President Kennedy, referring to the turkey given to him, said, "Let's just keep him." It wasn't until the first Thanksgiving of President George H.W. Bush, in 1989, that a turkey was 4) _____ [OFFICIAL] pardoned for the first time."

President Obama pardoning a turkey

Parades
The traditional Thanksgiving parade 5) _____ [PROBABLE] started with President Lincoln proclaiming it an official day. The full-dress parade is a way to 6) _____ [PLAY] the country's military 7) _____ [STRONG] and discipline. The main aim of such parades is to lift the spirits of the spectators, provide them with wholesome 8) _____ [ENTERTAIN]. In the present day, parades are 9) _____ [COMPANY] with musical shows and celebrities. In New York, there is a big parade: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Football matches:
Watching football during Thanksgiving is a popular tradition. The 10) _____ [TRADITION] game between the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers continues. One of the most 11) _____ [MEMORY] games having been played on this day.

Thanksgiving football match

Beginning of Christmas shopping:
Thanksgiving Day is one month before Christmas and is the 12) _____ [START] point for Christmas shopping!

LIVEWORKSHEETS