

I **had** Thanksgiving with my family

was showered with

I **got** lots of things.

What I enjoyed over the weekend **was celebrating** Thanksgiving.

Tier 1 and 1.5 words

was bestowed

was given

acquired

received

bought

obtained

amassed

purchased

gathered

accumulated

celebrate

had

observed

kept

commemorated

feasted for

gathered for

partook in

expressed gratitude for

Tier 2 and 3 Words  
With a nearly **identical** meaning

visited for the first time

saw for the first time

was introduced to

was presented to

made the acquaintance of

encountered

got to know

Tier 2 and 3 Words  
With a **more specific** meaning

I *celebrated* Thanksgiving at my girlfriend's auntie's house and **met** her family on her mom's side.