THANKSGIVING: A DAY WITH MY FAMILY

📖 READING

Read the text and answer the following questions



Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite times of the year. Now that I am older, I appreciate these family moments even more. For me, Thanksgiving is about having my family together, making memories, and being thankful for the people I love.

This year is especially exciting because my daughter, her husband, and my two grandchildren are coming to spend Thanksgiving with us. My granddaughter is growing up so fast, and my grandson is already a teenager. Sometimes I can't believe how quickly time passes. My husband and I always look forward to having them around the house. It feels a little empty when they aren't here.

I've been preparing for this day all week. First, I made a shopping list and planned our Thanksgiving menu. I'm making a roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and my famous pumpkin pie. My daughter always says it's her favorite, so I wouldn't dream of having Thanksgiving without it.



Yesterday, my husband helped me clean the house and bring the autumn decorations out of the storage room. We decorated the dining room with small pumpkins, colorful leaves, candles, and a beautiful tablecloth. I also prepared some dishes in advance to make things easier today. At my age, I've learned that planning ahead makes a big difference.

My daughter just called to say they are on their way. She asked if she could bring anything, but I told her not to worry. I just want her to come and enjoy the day. Of course, I know she'll probably come into the kitchen and start helping me anyway. That's just like her.

I'm also looking forward to seeing my grandchildren. My granddaughter usually tells me everything about school, her friends, and what's happening in her life. My teenage grandson, on the other hand, is often busy with his phone or video games, but I always find a way to get him talking. I love hearing about his interests, even when I don't understand all the things teenagers enjoy these days.

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When everyone arrives, we'll probably spend some time talking in the living room before sitting down for dinner. My husband will tell one of his old stories, my daughter will help me serve the food, and the children will probably ask when dessert is coming.

Before we eat, we have a little tradition. Everyone shares something they are thankful for. Some years, the answers are funny, and other times they are quite emotional. I always enjoy this moment because it reminds us of what really matters.

As I get older, I realize that the best things in life aren't expensive gifts or perfect celebrations. They are simple moments: hearing my family's laughter, having everyone around the dinner table, watching my grandchildren grow, and spending another beautiful day with my husband.



I know that one day, the house will be quiet again, and I'll probably miss all the noise and mess. But that's part of the joy of having a family. And honestly, I couldn't ask for anything more.

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READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and answer the questions using complete sentences.

1) Why is Thanksgiving one of the woman's favorite times of the year?

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2) Who is coming to spend Thanksgiving with her and her husband?

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3) Why does the woman feel that the house is empty?

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4) What food is she preparing for Thanksgiving dinner?

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5) What she wouldn't dream of having Thanksgiving without?

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6) What did the woman and her husband do to decorate their place?

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7) How did the woman prepare for Thanksgiving?

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8) How are her granddaughter and teenage grandson?

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9) According to the woman, what are the best things in life?

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10) Do you think she feels lonely or is she grateful for the life she has? Why?

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Match the words and expressions from the text with their correct definitions.

(1) Appreciate - **(2)** Growing up - **(3)** Look forward to - **(4)** Empty - **(5)** Shopping list - **(6)** In advance- **(7)** Planning ahead - **(8)** On their way - **(9)** Anyway **(10)** Thankful - **(11)** Mess - **(12)** Couldn't ask for anything more

a) Feeling happy and grateful for something. _____

b) A list of things you need to buy. _____

c) To feel excited about something that will happen. _____

d) Before a particular time or event. _____

e) Getting older and developing. _____

f) To recognize the value or importance of something. _____

g) Traveling to a place; coming somewhere. _____

h) A place without people or things inside. _____

i) Preparing for something before it happens. _____

j) Despite what was said before; used to continue a conversation. _____

k) A place or situation that is not clean or organized. _____

l) To feel completely satisfied with what you have. _____

PUT THE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER

Look at the pictures and put the activities in the correct order according to the text. Write **numbers 1-8** next to the pictures.



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WRITING PRACTICE

Write about **8–12** sentences. Try to include at least three things you are thankful for and explain why they are important to you.

Useful Expressions

- I am thankful for...
- When I think about...
- I appreciate my friends because...
- One of my favorite memories is...
- An experience that taught me a lot was...
- I feel lucky because I have had the chance to...
- Something that makes my day better is...
- I have realized that...
- These things remind me of how lucky I am.
- Be there for someone
- I appreciate the simple things, such as...
- I know that I should appreciate...

Writing Checklist

□ I wrote 8–12 sentences.
□ I used complete sentences.
□ I used vocabulary from the text.
□ I wrote at least 3 things I am thankful for and explained why they are important
□ I checked my grammar and spelling.

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