THANKSGIVING


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THE READING / TAPESCRIPy

Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It is also called Thanksgiving Day. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year. It used to be a religious holiday to give thanks to God. There are two versions of the origins of this holiday. One is thanks for the early settlers arriving in America safely. On December the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived at a place called Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group made a promise that the day of their arrival should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second version is the thanks given to Native Americans for teaching the pilgrims how to catch eels and grow corn in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt made Thanksgiving a federal holiday.

The main event of any Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. This is usually accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, fall vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is the most commonly eaten dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend vacation for most schools and colleges, and many businesses and government workers get three or four days off. Thanksgiving is also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to begin. Once Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their shelves with Christmas goods. It is also a bad time to be a turkey.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. a very American  a. promise
2. the fourth Thursday  b. to God
3. to give thanks  c. holiday
4. made a  d. corn
5. how to  e. in November
6. grow  f. catch eels

Paragraph 2

1. The main  a. eaten dessert
2. accompanied with  b. days off
3. the most commonly  c. times
4. one of the busiest  d. event
5. get three or four  e. shelves
6. stores fill their  f. mashed potatoes
LISTENING GAP FILL

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every year. ________________ religious holiday to give thanks to
God. There are two ________________ origins of this holiday. One is
thanks for the early settlers arriving in America safely. On December
the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived ________________
Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group made a promise that the
_______________ should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The
second version is ________________ to Native Americans for
teaching the pilgrims how to catch eels and grow corn in Plymouth,
Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt made Thanksgiving a
federal holiday.

The ________________ Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is
traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. ________________
accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, fall vegetables,
cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is ________________ eaten
dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is ________________
times of the year for traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend
vacation for most schools and colleges, and many businesses and
government workers get three ________________. Thanksgiving is
also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to begin. Once
Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their shelves with Christmas goods. It
is also a ________________ turkey.
WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It is also *calling / called* Thanksgiving Day. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year. It *used to / used* be a religious holiday to give thanks to God. There are two versions of the *original / origins* of this holiday. One is thanks for the early settlers arriving in America *safely / safe*. On December the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived at a place called Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group *made / did* a promise that the day of *their / there* arrival should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second *version / vision* is the thanks given to Native Americans for teaching the pilgrims how to catch eels and grow corn in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt *made / gave* Thanksgiving a federal holiday.

The main *eventful / event* of any Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. This is *usually / usual* accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, *fell / fall* vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is the most commonly *eaten / eating* dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year *from / for* traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend vacation for most schools and colleges, and many businesses and government workers get three or four days *over / off*. Thanksgiving is also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to *beginning / begin*. Once Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their shelves with Christmas goods. It is also a bad time to be *a / in* turkey.
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MULTIPLE CHOICE

Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It is also (1) ____ Thanksgiving Day. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year. It used to be a (2) ____ holiday to give thanks to God. There are two versions of the origins of this holiday. One is thanks for the early (3) ____ arriving in America safely. On December the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived at a place called Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group made a promise that the day of their (4) ____ should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second version is the thanks given to Native Americans for teaching the pilgrims how to (5) ____ eels and grow corn in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt (6) ____ Thanksgiving a federal holiday.

The (7) ____ event of any Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. This is usually accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, (8) ____ vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is the most commonly (9) ____ dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend vacation for most schools and colleges, and (10) ____ businesses and government workers get three or four days off. Thanksgiving is also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to (11) ____. Once Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their (12) ____ with Christmas goods. It is also a bad time to be a turkey.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) called (b) calling (c) calls (d) call
2. (a) religion (b) religious (c) religiously (d) religions
3. (a) settlers (b) settles (c) settled (d) settlement
4. (a) arrives (b) arrived (c) arrival (d) arrival
5. (a) caught (b) catches (c) catch (d) catching
6. (a) took (b) made (c) did (d) had
7. (a) main (b) mainly (c) mainline (d) mains
8. (a) fell (b) falling (c) fall (d) fallen
9. (a) eating (b) eats (c) ate (d) eaten
10. (a) most (b) many (c) much (d) more
11. (a) beginning (b) begins (c) begin (d) began
12. (a) elves (b) delves (c) halves (d) shelves
SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the uhftro Thursday in November

2. a sliuroge holiday

3. the ngoirsi of this holiday

4. arriving in America ysfeal

5. made a oepism

6. how to hactc eels

Paragraph 2

7. The main tenve

8. sweet pstoaeot

9. the most moynomcl eaten desert

10. weekend aancotvi

11. unofficial ilnsqa

12. fill their eshsevi
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of their arrival should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second version is the thanks given to
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. American is very holiday Thanksgiving a.

2. a be to used It holiday religious.

3. of origins the of Versions holiday this.

4. The given Native thanks to Americans.

5. to How corn grow and eels catch.

6. traditional baked turkey is have roasted It to or.

7. potatoes mashed with accompanied usually is This.

8. the most Pumpkin commonly pie eaten is dessert.

9. get off three or Government four workers days.

10. Stores goods Christmas with shelves their fill.
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________________________

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________________________
THE THANKSGIVING SURVEY

Write five questions about Thanksgiving in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING
Write about Thanksgiving for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Thanksgiving. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Thanksgiving. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Thanksgiving. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.