

WEBQUEST BRITISH AND AMERICAN FESTIVALS

THANKSGIVING

ACTIVITY 1: WARMER

WRITE THE FOOD THESE IMAGES REPRESENT



ACTIVITY 2: WATCH THE VIDEO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ym4izq-rrow>

ACTIVITY 3: READ THE TEXT

In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. On this day most US Americans meet with their family and close friends for a very special meal.

In 1621, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, pilgrims and Native Americans held a three-day **feast** to give thanks for the good **harvest** that year. The good harvest meant that they would have food for the winter.

Today, Thanksgiving reminds people that they have a lot to be thankful for.

These days many people have their Thanksgiving dinner around two o'clock in the afternoon and afterwards they watch the National Football League (NFL) games on television. They might also attend a local parade or watch the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day **Parade** with its large balloons and colourful floats.

The central part of a Thanksgiving meal is the **roast** turkey. This is typically served with **stuffing**, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potato pie topped with marshmallows, green beans, sweetcorn, squash, mashed potatoes, gravy, and dinner rolls.

The main course is then followed by a sweet pie: this might be pumpkin pie, apple, cherry, blueberry or pecan, and it is served with whipped cream or ice cream.

Of course, there are usually **leftovers** which are then eaten during the following long weekend.

As Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday, many businesses and schools also close on the Friday, so most people get four days off work or school. Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times to travel in the USA, as people drive or fly to be with their families and friends.

1. MATCH THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS IN THE THANKSGIVING TEXT TO THEIR MEANINGS BELOW:

- A. a large meal for a lot of people, usually eaten to celebrate something
- B. the amount of a crop (plants grown for food) that is collected
- C. the food that remains at the end of a meal after you have finished eating
- D. a celebration in which a large group of people move through the streets, often with decorated vehicles and bands playing music
- E. cooked in an oven
- F. food that is cut into small pieces, mixed, and put inside meat or vegetables

2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1. WHEN AND WHERE IS IT CELEBRATED?
- 2. HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE?
- 3. WHAT HAPPENED IN 1621?
- 4. WHAT TIME PEOPLE HAVE THANKSGIVING DINNER?
- 5. WHAT DO THEY DO AFTERWARDS?
- 6. WHAT DO THEY EAT?
- 7. WHY IS IT ONE OF THE BUSIEST DAYS OF THE YEAR?
- 8. WHAT IS THE THANKSGIVING PARADE?

ACTIVITY 3: THANKSGIVING RECIPES

WHAT ARE TYPICAL RECIPES WHICH PEOPLE EAT ON THANKSGIVING DAY?