

Thanksgiving 3—Traditions Lesson Answer Key

Thanksgiving Day—U.S. National Holiday

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A feast is a big, special dinner.
We celebrate Thanksgiving in November.
On Thanksgiving, we share food with family and friends.
The American Indians and Pilgrims shared food.
Millions of people visit their families for Thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving does not represent one religion.
Thanksgiving does not have special gifts.
All people in America can celebrate Thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving is not just for U.S. citizens.
Thanksgiving is for everybody.

New words.

feast = **special dinner**
celebrate = **have a party**
share = **to give something**
gifts = **presents**

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For many Americans, Thanksgiving is a day to say “thank you” for the good things in your life.
For many Americans, Thanksgiving is a special time to share food with family and friends.
Did you have Thanksgiving dinner with an American family?
Did Thanksgiving surprise you?

Food, Food, Food

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Discuss the questions with your teacher and classmates.

Do you like American food?
What American food was new to you?
What food do you miss from your country?
What special foods do you eat for special days?

Turkeys and Pies

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Background on Presidential Pardons for Thanksgiving Turkeys (Note to Teachers)

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation and the Poultry and Egg National Board have presented live turkeys to the President of the United States in a White House ceremony. The Presidents generally ate the turkeys up until 1963 when President Kennedy said, “Let’s just keep him.” In 1989, President George H.W. Bush was the first president to officially pardon the Thanksgiving turkey. Once pardoned, these special turkeys have gone to live out their natural lives in a petting zoo in Herndon, Virginia, or, in more recent years, in Disneyland and Disney World.

Indian Pudding Recipe

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Note for Teachers

This holiday is an opportunity to share American and ethnic dishes in a classroom celebration of Thanksgiving. This recipe for Indian Pudding is an activity you can do with the students, if there’s a kitchen available. It can also serve as a model for the students to draft their own recipes or create a class cookbook. Another idea is to bring in a few store-bought (or homemade) pies for the students to sample and vote on their favorite.

November

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Write the word

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Copy the sentence.

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