

Thanksgiving: Food and Thanks

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BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. What are you thankful for today?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. thankful | _____ | A. parents, children and other relatives |
| 2. meal | _____ | B. happy because someone or something is good |
| 3. turkey | _____ | C. give some of something to other people |
| 4. family | _____ | D. food eaten at one time |
| 5. November | _____ | E. the eleventh month of the year |
| 6. share | _____ | F. a large bird that people can eat |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

1. Thanksgiving is a holiday in the United States and Canada. In the US, it is in **November**. Many people spend the day with **family** and friends.
2. People often eat a large **meal** together. In the US, **turkey** is a common food. Families may also eat potatoes, vegetables and pie.
3. At the meal, people may say what they are **thankful** for. They may talk about family, health, friends or a good year. This can be a nice time to stop and think.
4. Many people also **share** food with others. They may give food to a local group or invite a person who is alone. The holiday is about food, thanks and being together.

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. Where is Thanksgiving a holiday?

2. When is it in the US?

3. What do many people do?

4. What is a common food in the US?

5. What may people share?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- What food do you eat with your family?
- Who are you thankful for?
- Is it good to share food? Why?
- What holiday brings families together?

5. Homework: Write a short paragraph.

Write 5-6 sentences about a meal you enjoy with family or friends.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. thankful - B
2. meal - D
3. turkey - F
4. family - A
5. November - E
6. share - C

Comprehension answers

1. Where is Thanksgiving a holiday?

It is a holiday in the United States and Canada.

2. When is it in the US?

It is in November.

3. What do many people do?

They eat a large meal with family and friends.

4. What is a common food in the US?

Turkey is a common food.

5. What may people share?

They may share food with other people.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.