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The history of Thanksgiving



Watch the video and decide if the sentences below are True or False. Then correct the false ones:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNbAHHqtgIU>

- 1 Thanksgiving is celebrated on the first Thursday in November.
- 2 The first Thanksgiving meal was in Portsmouth Massachusetts.
- 3 The first settlers arrived in America on the “Mayflower”.
- 4 In 1865 President Lincoln declared this as a National holiday.
- 5 Traditions include playing games, dressing up and feasting.
- 6 Thanksgiving is mainly a religious holiday.
- 7 The President of the US pardons two turkeys and allows them to live.
- 8 Professional games of American football have been played on this day for decades.
- 9 Black Friday is a week after Thanksgiving.
- 10 Instead of Thanksgiving celebrations, some cities hold protests such as “ the National Day of Mourning”.
- 11 This is a holiday celebrated only in the USA.





Now watch another video about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade which is a century old now:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kubRyY9b_w

Would you like to watch this parade? Why/why not? Is there anything similar in your country for another national celebration?

Happy
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Apart from a historical celebration, this is also a day to think about what we are thankful for and express our gratitude. Why do we need to be reminded of that? What do you feel mostly grateful for in your life?



Thanksgiving Video Teacher's B2

1. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the first Thursday in November. FALSE

not the first but the fourth

2 The first Thanksgiving meal was in Portsmouth Massachusetts. FALSE

not Portsmouth but Plymouth

3 The first settlers arrived in America on the "Mayflower". TRUE

4 In 1865 President Lincoln declared this as a National holiday. FALSE

It was in 1863

5 Traditions include playing games, dressing up and feasting. TRUE

6 Thanksgiving is mainly a religious holiday. FALSE

It is mainly a secular holiday

7 The President of the US pardons two turkeys and allows them to live. TRUE

8 Professional games of American football have been played on this day for decades.
TRUE

9 Black Friday is a week after Thanksgiving. FALSE

It is a day later

10 Instead of Thanksgiving celebrations, some cities hold protests such as " the
National Day of Mourning". TRUE

11 This is a holiday celebrated only in the USA. FALSE

It is also celebrated in other countries, Canada for example



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Second Video credits

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Although this is a well structured video to just introduce the history of the holiday to ESL students, the channel itself has been criticized by many scientists, historians, and skeptics for broadcasting pseudo-documentaries.

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