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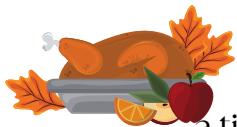
# Thanksgiving History

Thanksgiving is an American holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It began in 1621 when the Pilgrims, a group from England, arrived in America. The Pilgrims faced a difficult first winter, and many of them died. The Wampanoag Native Americans helped the Pilgrims by teaching them how to plant crops like corn and beans. After a successful harvest in autumn, the Pilgrims wanted to celebrate and give thanks.

They invited the Wampanoag people to join them for a big meal. They ate turkey, corn, beans, and other vegetables. This celebration became known as the first Thanksgiving.



Today, Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States. Families and friends come together to eat traditional foods,



including turkey and pumpkin pie. Many people also say what they are thankful for during the meal. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, family, and remembering the story of the Pilgrims and Native Americans.



## Decide if the sentences are True or False

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- 2 The Pilgrims came from England to America.
- 3 The Pilgrims had an easy first winter in America.
- 4 The Wampanoag Native Americans helped the Pilgrims grow crops
- 5 The first Thanksgiving meal only had corn and vegetables.
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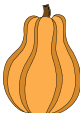










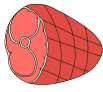




Match each word with the correct definition:

1. \_\_\_ celebrate
2. \_\_\_ Pilgrims
3. \_\_\_ harvest
4. \_\_\_ Wampanoag
5. \_\_\_ crops
6. \_\_\_ gratitude

Definitions:

- A. People from England who came to America in 1621
- B. The food plants like corn and beans grown by farmers
- C. Giving thanks; feeling thankful
- D. The Native American group who helped the Pilgrims
- E. The time when crops are ready to be picked
- F. To enjoy a special event or holiday

## Thanksgiving Vocabulary

				
tablecloth	pot	acorn	cranberry	potatoes
				
gravy	friends	stuffing	family	squash
				
turkey	napkin	Happy Thanksgiving	pie	corn
				
pan	rolling pin	platter	sweet potatoes	plate
				
ham	salad	parade	apple	turkey dinner

# Thanksgiving Answers

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