Thanksgiving Day

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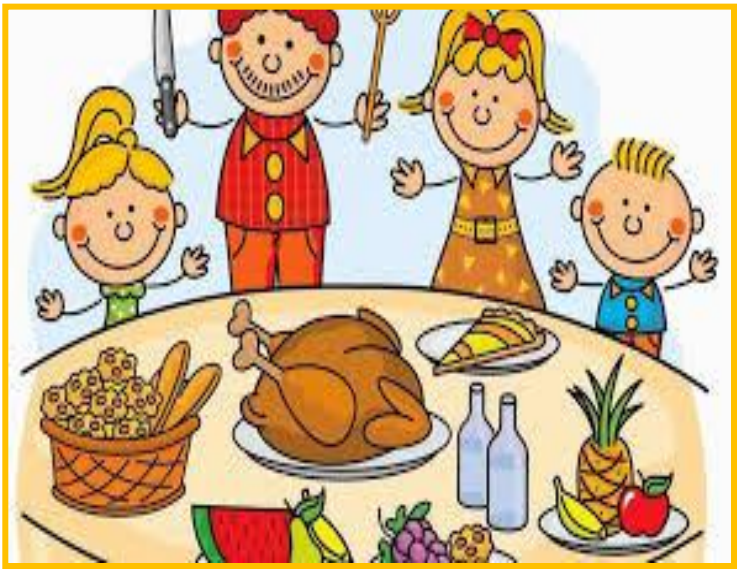
What is Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is a special family festival for Americans. People have **big dinners** with their families and they thank God for what they have.



When is it celebrated?

Thanksgiving is in Autumn and it is always celebrated on the **fourth 4th Thursday of November**.

The origins of Thanksgiving Day

In America, the first Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in Plymouth in America in 1621 by the Pilgrims together with 91 Indians. The Pilgrims sail from England and come to Plymouth Rock in November 1620. The first winter in Massachusetts is really bad and 46 out of the original 102 Pilgrims die. The winter is very cold. The Indians help the Pilgrims through that difficult period. The Indians teach to the Pilgrims how to plant corn, potatoes, pumpkins and more and how to catch fish, turkeys and deer. In 1621 they have a big harvest and so the Pilgrims decide to celebrate the bountiful harvest with a big feast and they invite the Indians, too. The feast lasts three days. They eat turkey, corn, potatoes and pumpkin pie and the Pilgrims thank God for all the things they had.

The traditional menu today

The traditional menu includes: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie




TRUE OR FALSE?

1	Thanksgiving is a family holiday	T	F
2	Thanksgiving is celebrated in December	T	F
3	Thanksgiving Day is in autumn	T	F
4	The Indians helped the Pilgrims during their first winter	T	F
5	The Pilgrims celebrated with French people	T	F
6	The traditional menu includes turkey and pumpkin pie	T	F