

Video: Report Units 10–12

Thanksgiving

Before You Watch

Answer the questions.

1. Do you know of any national holidays in the U.S.?
2. Have you heard of the American holiday, Thanksgiving?
3. Do you know what food people eat on Thanksgiving?

Comprehension Check

1. Watch the Report. Choose the correct answers.

1. When do the American people celebrate Thanksgiving?
a. In October. **b. In November.** c. On July 4th.
2. How do the American people celebrate Thanksgiving?
a. They go to a restaurant. b. They go on vacation. c. They have a big meal with their families.
3. What do the McGrath family usually do on Thanksgiving?
a. They go to the movies. b. They watch a parade and a football game.
c. They go to the theater.

2. Watch the Report again. Put the statements in the order you hear them.

- ___ Today, people in the U.S. imitate this first Thanksgiving every year.
- ___ 1 People usually spend the day with their families.
- ___ At the end of the meal, when no one can eat anything else, everyone relaxes.
- ___ Katie is in the kitchen, and she's preparing the traditional Thanksgiving meal.
- ___ In the U.S. people say that the tradition comes from what they call "the first Thanksgiving."
- ___ There's something for everyone to do and it's important that the entire family helps each other.

3. Watch the Report again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

1. Thanksgiving is on the same date every year. T / **F**
2. People invite friends and families to their homes on Thanksgiving. T / F
3. People go to shopping malls on Thanksgiving. T / F
4. The most important part of the Thanksgiving meal is the turkey. T / F
5. After the main meal people eat pumpkin pie. T / F

4. Watch the Report again. Choose the correct words to complete the summary.

American families celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth (1) **Thursday** / Friday of November. The tradition comes from the "first Thanksgiving" in (2) **1761** / 1621 when settlers from (3) **England** / Poland celebrated their harvest with the local Native Americans. Today, people take the (4) **week** / day off work. They decorate their house, and they have a large meal with their family. They eat (5) **beef** / turkey and mashed potato, and for dessert they eat (6) **pumpkin** / apple pie.

Language Check

5.  Look at the chart. Then watch the Language Check.

Indefinite pronouns: <i>something, nothing, and anything</i>
There's something for everyone to do ...
At the end of the meal, when no one can eat anything else, everyone relaxes.
Relative clauses: <i>who</i>
... a group of religious pilgrims, who sailed to America from England, had a huge feast.

6. Complete the sentences with ***something, nothing, or anything***.

- There's something on the table. It's a Thanksgiving decoration!
- It's a national holiday, so mom's doing _____ today. My sister and I are cooking dinner.
- Dad said _____ to me but I didn't hear him.
- We ate so much on Thanksgiving! I couldn't eat _____ the next day.
- I always give _____ to my parents on Thanksgiving.
- We ate all the turkey. There's _____ left.

7. Match the statement halves.

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| 1. The English pilgrims were the people who | a. cooks Thanksgiving dinner. |
| 2. The Native Americans were the people who | b. makes the pumpkin pie. |
| 3. Grandma loves desserts, so she's the one who | c. helped the English settlers catch and find food. |
| 4. My brother and I are the ones who | d. asleep after Thanksgiving dinner! |
| 5. In our house, Mom's the person who | e. had the first Thanksgiving. |
| 6. Grandpa isn't the only person who falls | f. set the table. |

About You!

8. Answer the questions about you.

- Is there a national holiday in November in your country?
What is it? _____
- Have you ever eaten turkey and pumpkin pie?
Did you like it? _____
- What's the most popular national holiday in your country? _____