

# NEWSPAPER

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*SPECIAL EDITION*



## When is Thanksgiving Day?

Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth Thursday in November. In 2023, it's on November 23rd.

## What do people do on Thanksgiving Day?

On Thanksgiving Day, people give thanks for the good things in their lives. They usually celebrate with a big meal with family and friends. The most important food is turkey. People also eat stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

## How did Thanksgiving start?

The first Thanksgiving was in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. It was between the Pilgrims (English people who came to America) and the Native Americans. The Pilgrims were thankful that they had food and a home in America. The Native Americans helped them grow crops like corn. The Pilgrims invited the Native Americans to a big harvest festival.

## What's the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is in New York City. It's one of the biggest parades in the world. It started in 1924. Every year, there are big balloons of famous characters. There are also marching bands and dancers. The parade ends with Santa Claus.

## What's the day after Thanksgiving called?

The day after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday. It's not a holiday, but many people don't go to work or school. They go shopping because stores have big sales. Many stores open very early, even at midnight! Some people wait outside all night to get the best deals.

## What's the weather like on Thanksgiving Day?

It's different in different parts of America. In some places, it's already very cold in November. In other places, it's still warm. In general, it's cool and dry in most places. Sometimes, there's snow in the northern states.

## Is Thanksgiving only in America?

Thanksgiving is mostly an American holiday. But Canada also has Thanksgiving. It's on the second Monday in October. Canada's Thanksgiving is similar, but it's not as big a holiday as in America.



**Unscramble the Sentences - Write the sentences on lines provided.**

1. mom / Thanks / turkey / for / the / delicious
2. love / much / because / I / there's / Thanksgiving / so / food
3. my / house / is / for / at / gathering / dinner / Thanksgiving / Family
4. gravy / always / turkey / We / have / on / with / Thanksgiving
5. Thanksgiving / on / pie / dessert / My / pumpkin / favorite / is
6. want / Everyone / eat / much / as / can / on / as / they / Thanksgiving
7. Nothing / at / with / celebrating / Thanksgiving / home / family / beats
8. to / Fall / with / loved / is / season / on / Thanksgiving / beautiful / a / ones / spend
9. see / Thanksgiving / to / family / on / so / my / Day / happy / I'm
10. feast / Thanksgiving / My / grandma / this / will / cook / traditional / year / the

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### Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving day?
2. How do you usually celebrate Thanksgiving with your family?
3. Have you ever cooked a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner?
4. What traditional foods do you typically eat on Thanksgiving?
5. Do you have any special traditions or activities that you do on Thanksgiving day?
6. Is Thanksgiving a big holiday in your country?
7. What do you think makes Thanksgiving such an important holiday for many people?
8. Have you ever tried pumpkin pie, a popular dessert on Thanksgiving?
9. In what ways does the fall season play a role in Thanksgiving celebrations?
10. Can you share a happy memory from a past Thanksgiving celebration?

Read three students' opinions. Which one do you most relate to?

**Cindy:** "I love Thanksgiving day because I get to spend time with my family and we eat a lot of delicious food. My uncle makes the best mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie."

**John:** "Thanksgiving is great because it's a holiday where we can just relax and eat without worrying about gifts or decorations. Plus, I get to watch football with my friends all day."

**Emily:** "I can't decide if I like Thanksgiving or not. On the one hand, I love seeing all my cousins and eating my grandma's famous turkey, but on the other hand, I always end up in a black Friday shopping frenzy."

Write your own opinion.

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## Match the Words with the Meanings

Family	Yummy	Feelings or showing pleasure	Come together; assemble
Food	Pie	I polite word when you receive something	Season between summer and winter
Turkey	Friend	Edible items	Place where one lives
Happy	Gather	Prepare food by putting it in an oven	A large bird traditionally served on Thanksgiving
Leaf	Plate	You can make popcorn from this	A baked dish typically consisting of a pastry crust and sweet or savory filling
Fall	Hug	Consume food	Relatives
Eat	Home	A large, special meal	Dish for putting food on
Cook	Thanks	Part of a tree	Delicious or very tasty
Feast	Corn	Embrace or hold someone tightly with arms	A person who you really like is usually your...