

# All About **THANKSGIVING** CLOSE READING PASSAGES

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## Thanksgiving Myths

The Mayflower is a famous ship that sailed across the ocean many years ago. Many people believe that the Mayflower brought the first Thanksgiving. In fact, they celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1621, but this story is not entirely true. The Pilgrims did not have a harvest feast in 1621. The first Thanksgiving had been celebrating since 1620.

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## Around the world

Thanksgiving is a special holiday celebrated in many countries around the world. In the United States, it is usually celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Families and friends gather to share a big meal, often featuring turkey and pumpkin pie. But did you know that in other countries, Thanksgiving is celebrated differently?

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## Thanksgiving

Every November, families in America

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## Thanksgiving Symbol

Thanksgiving is a special holiday when people come together to give thanks. One important part of the holiday is the turkey. Turkeys are one of the most popular foods served on Thanksgiving Day. Turkeys are also a symbol of Thanksgiving. The turkey is a symbol of the harvest and the bounty of the land.

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## Thanksgiving Turkeys

Every year in November, families in America celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a special day to give thanks for all the good things in life. Long ago, Pilgrims sailed across the ocean to a new land. They faced many challenges, but with help from Native Americans, they learned to grow food and build homes. The Pilgrims were very grateful for this help, so they invited the Native Americans to join them. This feast is now known as the first Thanksgiving. The turkey is a symbol of the harvest and the bounty of the land.

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## November Feast

November, families in the United States gather

## Pilgrim Celebration

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## Turkey Dinner

Every year, families gather on Thanksgiving Day to share a special meal called a turkey dinner. This meal usually includes roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. The turkey is the star of the meal. It is a symbol of the harvest and the bounty of the land.

# CLOSE READING COMPREHENSIONS

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## Thanksgiving Myths

The Mayflower is a famous ship that arrived in North America many years ago. Some people believe that the Pilgrims and Native Americans were the only people to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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## Thanksgiving Symbol

A symbol is a special time when people come together to give thanks for the things in their lives. One important symbol of Thanksgiving is the turkey.

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## Family Gathering

On Thanksgiving, families come together to share a special meal and spend time with loved ones.

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## Pilgrim Celebration

Every year in November, people in America celebrate the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving. This holiday is a special time when people come together to give thanks for the things in their lives.

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## Harvest Festival

In many places around the world, people celebrate a harvest festival. This is a special time when people come together to give thanks for the things in their lives.

## Thanksgiving

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## Turkey Dinner

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## Gratitude Day

Gratitude Day is a special time when people come together to give thanks for the things in their lives. One important symbol of Gratitude Day is the turkey.

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## Thanksgiving Fact or Fiction

Once upon a time, a ship called the Mayflower sailed to North America. The Pilgrims and Native Americans were the only people to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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## November Feast

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## Around the world

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## Thanksgiving Turkeys

Every year in November, families in America celebrate a special holiday called Thanksgiving. One of the important symbols of Thanksgiving is the turkey. Turkeys are large birds with colorful feathers. They are raised on farms and some people even have them as pets. On Thanksgiving Day, families gather around a big table and enjoy a delicious meal together. The star of the meal is often a roasted turkey. This tradition dates back to the very first Thanksgiving in 1621 when the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared a feast together. Today, Thanksgiving turkeys remind us to be thankful for the food we have and the people we love.

What is one important symbol of Thanksgiving mentioned in the text?

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## Turkey Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, families gather together to share a special meal called a turkey dinner. The star of this feast is a big, roasted turkey cooked until it's golden brown. Alongside the turkey, there are mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and yummy stuffing made from bread and spices. Some families also enjoy green beans, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Everyone sits around the table, feeling thankful for the food and the company of loved ones.

What is the main dish served during a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving?

1. What is the purpose of Thanksgiving?

2. Who celebrates Thanksgiving?

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