

# MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE READING COMPREHENSION




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### AMAZING FLOATS

In addition to balloons, the parade features stunning floats, resembling small, vibrant stages. Adorned with bright colors, they often carry famous personalities. Some floats mimic castles, while others take the form of giant turkeys or majestic ships. These spectacular creations add to the festive spectacle of the event.

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### MARCHING BANDS

The parade also features many marching bands. These bands come from schools all over the country. They play loud, cheerful music and march in perfect rows. Their uniforms are often very fancy, with bright colors and shiny buttons.

### CLOWNS AND PERFORMERS

All along the parade route, you can see clowns and performers doing tricks and making people laugh. There are jugglers, acrobats, and dancers. They make sure everyone watching the parade is having a great time.



### SANTA CLAUS

The parade always ends with a special guest—Santa Claus! When Santa appears, it means the Christmas season has officially begun. He waves to the crowd from his sleigh, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

### WATCHING FROM HOME

Many people watch the parade on TV from the comfort of their homes. It is a family tradition for many to sit together, enjoy the parade, and then have a big Thanksgiving meal with turkey, stuffing, and pie.

### A DAY OF JOY

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a day filled with joy and excitement. Whether you watch it in person or on TV, it is a wonderful way to start the holiday season and make happy memories with family and friends.

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## MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where does Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade take place?

- a) Los Angeles
- b) New York City
- c) Chicago
- d) Miami

2. When did the parade first start?

- a) 1934
- b) 1944
- c) 1924
- d) 1954

3. What did the employees of Macy's wear during the first parade?

- a) Uniforms
- b) Colorful costumes
- c) Pajamas
- d) Sports jerseys

4. What were borrowed from the zoo for the first parade?

- a) Elephants
- b) Live animals
- c) Birds
- d) Fish

5. What is one of the most exciting parts of the parade?

- a) Fireworks
- b) Giant balloons
- c) Free food
- d) Fire trucks

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade famous for its fun, excitement, and amazing sights?
2. When did the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade first begin?
3. What type of costumes did Macy's employees wear during the first parade?
4. What do the giant balloons in the parade typically resemble?
5. Who marks the end of the parade and signifies the start of the Christmas season?

6. What are the giant balloons shaped like?

- a) Trees and flowers
- b) Cars and bikes
- c) Famous cartoon characters
- d) Buildings and bridges

7. What do many people watch from the parade?

- a) The weather report
- b) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- c) A football game
- d) A cooking show

8. What do the floats in the parade look like?

- a) Airplanes
- b) Small, moving stages
- c) Houses
- d) Trains

9. Who is the special guest that ends the parade?

- a) The President
- b) Santa Claus
- c) The Easter Bunny
- d) Mickey Mouse

10. What does Santa Claus riding in the parade signify?

- a) The start of Thanksgiving dinner
- b) The end of summer
- c) The beginning of the Christmas season
- d) The start of the new year

## ANSWER KEY

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1. b) New York City
2. c) 1924
3. b) Colorful costumes
4. b) Live animals
5. b) Giant balloons
6. c) Famous cartoon characters
7. b) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
8. b) Small, moving stages
9. b) Santa Claus
10. c) The beginning of the Christmas season

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is famous for its fun, excitement, and amazing sights.
2. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade first began in 1924.
3. Macy's employees wore colorful costumes during the first parade.
4. The giant balloons in the parade typically resemble famous cartoon characters.
5. Santa Claus marks the end of the parade and signifies the start of the Christmas season.

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