

Thanksgiving



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Topic: ✓ American Culture

Media: ✓ Text

Level: ✓ A2-B1
Elementary/
Intermediate

Grammar: ✓ Prepositions

Learning Focus: ✓ Grammar,
Speaking,
Vocabulary



Task 1

Can you identify these traditional Thanksgiving dishes? Match the words from the box with the pictures. Next, answer the question.

gravy / turkey / stuffing / mashed potatoes / cranberry / rolls / sweet potatoes / corn



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.

Do you know of other traditional Thanksgiving dishes that are not shown here?



Task 2

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

Thanksgiving / Black Friday / meal / travel / family and friends / grateful

The first _____ was in 1621 when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast together in present-day Massachusetts. While the holiday originally held religious significance, today the holiday centers on cooking a large _____ and celebrating with _____. The fourth Thursday of every November is a time when Americans get together to give thanks to the people and things they are _____ for. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is the biggest day of the year in the country, as Americans drive and fly to go meet the family. There are parades, TV specials, and discount shopping associated with this holiday. The following Friday is called _____ – a day that shoppers line up early in the morning to get the best sales and discounts for their holiday shopping.



Task 3

Using prepositional phrases of place, write six sentences describing the Thanksgiving scene in the image. You may use the prepositional phrases from the box or create your own.

on the table / next to the turkey / in their glasses / in the corner / against the walls /
behind the table / at the window



Example: Eight people have gathered around the table.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



Task 4

Answer the questions relating to the topic.

1. What are some things you are thankful for in your life?
2. Which of the Thanksgiving dishes sound the most delicious to you? Would you introduce this dish to your family?
3. What would you buy during the "Black Friday" shopping day?
4. How far would you be willing to travel to celebrate a holiday with your family and friends?
5. "There's always room for seconds." What do you think this means?
6. "There's always something to be thankful for." What do you think this means?

GRAMMAR REVIEW

Prepositions

Prepositions are one of the eight parts of speech in English. It shows the relationship between parts of a sentence. For example: “The turkey is **ON** the table.” The preposition “on” shows the relationship between the turkey and the table. The turkey could be under the table, beside the table, behind the table, in front of the table, and so on.

Prepositions tell us where the turkey is.

A **prepositional phrase** begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun. And a **prepositional phrase of place** includes a preposition to tell us where something is located.

Examples:**on** the table**to** the kitchen**from** the refrigerator**in** their chairs**with** the gravy boat**beside** it**beside** the potatoes**down** the hallway

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