

e-lesson

Week starting: 22nd November 2004

1. Thanksgiving Day

This Thursday (25th), Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The opportunity to have a huge meal with all the family, but when did it all start? This week's worksheet is ideal for elementary level learners. First they match some pictures to a paragraph of text. Then they answer some questions in a crossword to find the name of a popular Thanksgiving Day dish.

Level

Elementary and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Ask students what they know about Thanksgiving Day and its origins in America.
2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and ask them to work in pairs. Ask students to match a picture (a-g) to a paragraph of text (1-7) which refers to it.
3. Check answers in open class.

Answers to 1:

1b, 2c, 3g, 4e, 5f, 6a, 7d

4. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B and ask them to work in pairs. The first pair to answer all of the questions and reveal the hidden answer (*Pumpkin pie*) is the winner.

Answers to 2:

1) Patuxet 2) Squanto 3) Mayflower 4) Plymouth 5) turkey 6) Indian
7) Lincoln 8) syrup 9) Pilgrims 10) harvest

Follow up

As a follow up to the lesson, you may want to ask your students to find some more information about thanksgiving celebrations in other countries. The first website below features thanksgiving as celebrated by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Chinese, Hebrews and Egyptians. Go to the site and click on *The Story of Thanksgiving*. Students, in pairs/groups, can make a quiz from the information they find for the others to do.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving>
for historical information about Thanksgiving

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/thanks/word.html>
for some fun Thanksgiving word searches and crosswords

http://rats2u.com/thanksgiving/thanksgiving_index.htm
All about Thanksgiving plus animations, cyber greetings, recipes and much more

<http://www.workersforjesus.com/f25-14.htm>
Read about Squanto