

# Thanksgiving Day – Glossary

**celebrate** verb [intransitive or transitive]  
to do something enjoyable in order to show that an occasion or event is special:

*They're celebrating the end of their exams.*

**celebration** noun

**corn** noun [uncount] AMERICAN  
maize plants, or their seeds when they are cooked and eaten

**cranberry** noun [count]  
a small sour red fruit:  
*a glass of cranberry juice*

**harvest** noun [count]  
the activity of collecting a crop, or the time when crops are collected:  
*the corn/potato/grape harvest*

**medicinal** adjective  
capable of treating an illness:  
*medicinal herbs*

**Native American** noun [count]  
a member of one of the groups of people who lived in America before Europeans arrived

**Pilgrim** noun [count]  
one of the people who left England and went to live in what is now the US in the early 17th century

**poisonous** adjective  
containing poison:  
*poisonous gases/plants*

**settler** noun [count]  
someone who goes to live in a place where not many people live

**syrup** noun [uncount]  
thick sweet liquid

**Thanksgiving Day** noun [count or uncount]  
in the US and Canada, a holiday in the autumn when families have a special meal together

**tribe** noun [count]  
a large group of related families who live in the same area and share a common language, religion, and customs:  
*Native American tribes*

**turkey** noun [count or uncount]  
a large bird that is similar to a chicken, or the meat from this bird