

Thanksgiving

Before you watch

Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Thanksgiving?
- 2 What do people do at Thanksgiving?

Comprehension check

1  Watch the video clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Thanksgiving happens
 - a four times a year
 - b at the end of November
 - c after Christmas
- 2 The first Thanksgiving took place
 - a in England
 - b in a church
 - c in 1621
- 3 Nowadays, people celebrate Thanksgiving with
 - a a big meal
 - b a large party
 - c a shopping trip

2  Watch again. Circle the foods you see.

yogurt sausages cookies fish green beans
potatoes bananas cakes turkey tomatoes
cheese salad pumpkins soup bread

3  Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Thanksgiving always happens on the same day of the week. _____
- 2 Native Americans began the tradition of Thanksgiving. _____
- 3 Susan likes Thanksgiving because it is a holiday for everyone. _____
- 4 The McGrath family buy all of their Thanksgiving decorations from a store. _____
- 5 The food people eat at Thanksgiving today is very different from what the pilgrims ate. _____
- 6 After the meal, people often watch football on TV. _____

4  Watch again. Choose the correct person.

- 1 Ron / Susan / Mark says that Thanksgiving is the most American holiday.
- 2 Mary / Susan / Mark says that it's her favorite holiday.
- 3 Susan / John / Mark likes watching the parade on Thanksgiving morning.
- 4 Ron / Susan / Mark enjoys the sports games on Thanksgiving.
- 5 Ron / Mark / John remembers going to see a parade with his father when he was young.
- 6 Mark / John / Mary believes it's a day to forget your problems.

5  Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 At the first Thanksgiving, pilgrims invited _____ Americans to eat with them.
- 2 Nowadays, people don't go to _____ or school on Thanksgiving.
- 3 It is a day most people spend at home with _____ and friends.
- 4 The Thanksgiving _____ is the most important part of the day.
- 5 The most popular Thanksgiving dessert is _____ pie.
- 6 John's father took him to a special Thanksgiving _____ when he was younger.

Language check

Past narrative tenses

They **invited** the Native Americans who **had helped** them catch and grow food.

In 1986, my father **took** me and my brother into New York City.

6 Choose the correct answers.

- The fridge was full of food because Paul **went** / **had been** / **was going** shopping.
- After dinner, Maria and Jack **watched** / **had watched** / **were watching** TV.
- Karen failed the exam because she **didn't study** / **hadn't studied** / **wasn't studying**.
- The police arrived while the criminals **robbed** / **had robbed** / **were robbing** the bank.
- Azam didn't go to the movie theater because she **saw** / **had seen** / **was seeing** the movie before.
- It **rained** / **had rained** / **was raining** when I left the house, so I took an umbrella with me.

7 Complete the conversation with the correct past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- Anna** 1 _____ Julia _____ (wait) for you when you got home last night?
- Greg** No, she 2 _____ (not be) there. I 3 _____ (call) her and she told me she 4 _____ (walk) home. She 5 _____ (leave) her wallet at work, so she 6 _____ (not have) any money for the bus.
- Anna** What time 7 _____ she _____ (arrive) home?
- Greg** At about 9 p.m.
- Anna** Did you have dinner together?
- Greg** No. I 8 _____ already _____ (eat) and I wasn't hungry.

Extension



Look at the photos and answer the questions.

Photo A

- Where are the people in the photo?
- What do you think they are celebrating?
- How do you think they feel?

Photo B

- Where are the people in the photo?
- What do you think they are celebrating?
- How do you think they feel?
- Do you celebrate these two events? How do you celebrate them?
- Which event do you prefer? Why?