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British and American Holidays





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Set 9: Thanksgiving

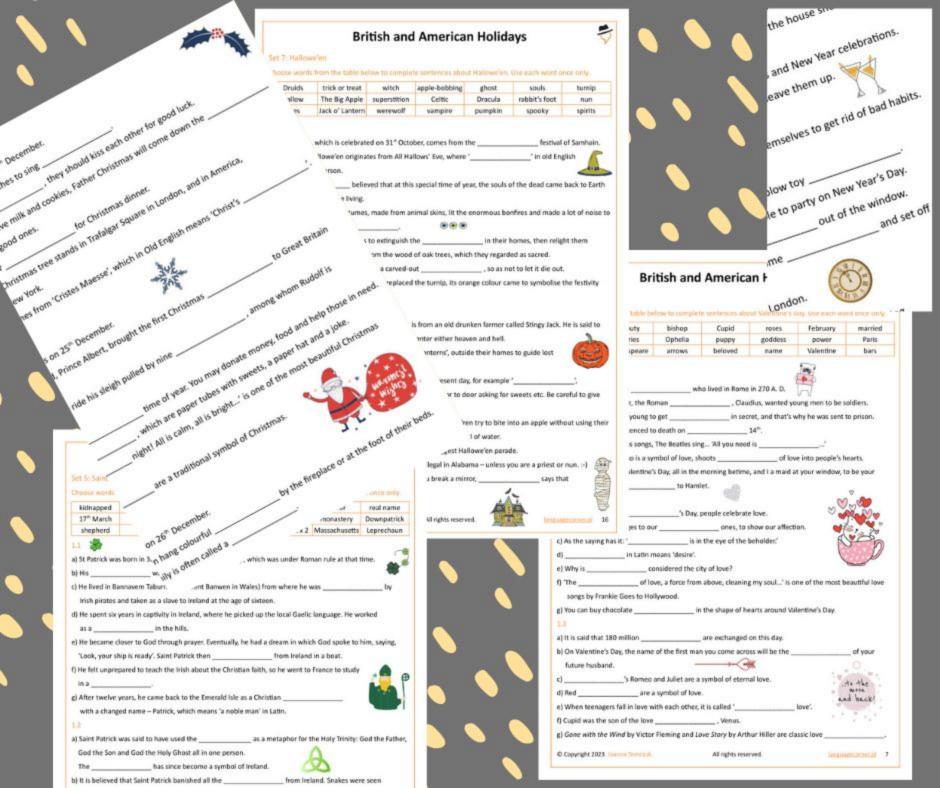
1.1

Choose words from the table below to create true sentences about Thanksgiving. Use each word once only.

Pilgrim Fathers	tribe	kidnapped	Indians	taught	national	celebrate
Thanksgiving	December	turkey	pumpkin	Lincoln	pardon	voyage
gratitude	football	gobble	Mayflower	cranberry	Wampanoag	Yale

a) Thanksgiving is a	holiday: in Am	nerica it is celebrated on the last Thurso	day of November	
and in Canada on th	ne second Monday of October. T	he reason for this is that the harvest is	earlier in	
Canada.				
b) The origins of this h	noliday began with the	They were Puritans, a perse	ecuted religion,	
who had to flee Bri	tain.			
c) They travelled to No	orth America on a small ship call	ed the		
d) They were one hun	dred people on the ship, but ma	ny of them died during the	·	
e) After arriving on th	e east coast of North America in	1620, they founded	ed a colony in	
Plymouth, Massach	usetts.			
f) It was winter time,	the Pilgrim Fathers had no home	and hardly any food. Almost half of th	em died during	
the harsh winter. Th	ney got help from the Wampano	ag		
g) In the spring of nex	t year, they met Squanto – the la	ast Indian from the Patuxet tribe, who		
them how to sow a	and cultivate crops.			
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a) Squanto knew the I	English language as he had been	by Thomas Hunt,	an English	
explorer, who sold l	nim in Europe.			
b) After coming back	home, he realised that all his	had died from an epid	demic infection.	
c) Squanto was all alo	ne, so he joined the	tribe and became an interpret	er between the	
Indians and the 'wh	ite' people.			
d) In 1621 there was p	olenty of food and warm homes	were built. The governor, William Brad	ford, wanted to	
thank God for the \S	good harvest and the Indians for	their help, so he decided to have dinne	er to	
	_ with them.			
e) The first	dinner was held in Oct	ober 1621 and lasted three days.		
f) Roast	was served along with co	as served along with corn, pumpkin pie and sweet potatoes.		
g) Abraham	proclaimed the 4 th Thursday of November as Thanksgiving in 1863.			





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a) Thanksgiving is a national holiday: in America it is celebrated on the last Thursday of November and in Canada on the second Monday of October. The reason for this is that the harvest is earlier in Canada.

- b) The origins of this holiday began with the <u>Pägrim Fathers</u>. They were Puritans, a persecuted religion, who had to flee Britain.
- c) They travelled to North America on a small ship called the Mayflower.
- d) They were one hundred people on the ship, but many of them died during the voyage.
- e) After arriving on the east coast of North America in <u>December</u> 1620, they founded a colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- f) It was winter time, the Pilgrim Fathers had no home and hardly any food. Almost half of them died during the harsh winter. They got help from the Wampanoog Indians.
- g) In the spring of next year, they met Squanto the last Indian from the Patuset tribe, who taught them how to sow and cultivate crops.

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- a) Squanto knew the English language as he had been kidnapped by Thomas Hunt, an English explorer, who sold him in Europe.
- b) After coming back home, he realised that all his tribe had died from an epidemic infection.
- c) Squanto was all alone, so he joined the Wampanoag tribe and became an interpreter between the

Indians and the Subite acon

- a) St David's Day, on 1st March, celebrates the patron saint of Wales. The Welsh wear leeks, which is a national symbol of Wales, and go on parades through the streets of Cardiff, which is the capital of Wales.
- b) Harvest Festival is an ancient occasion, its roots go back to pagan times when people gave thanks for the autumn harvest. Nowadays, it is celebrated in churches throughout the land on the Sunday closest to the harvest moon.
- c) in the village of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, Plough Monday, 6° January, is celebrated by a man covering himself with straw and walking through the streets. He is known as "The Straw Bear".
- d) The winter solution on 22rd December brings people to the world's most famous prehistoric stone circle monument named <u>Stonehenge</u> in Glastonbury to celebrate the sh-
- e) The 'Flaming Tar Barrel Parade' can be seen in Devon, UK, on 5° N on their shoulders through the streets of Ottery St Mary. It is an an
- f) St. Andrew's Day is held on 30th November in Scotland, which is a n perform a ceremony involving water, melted candle wax and an old husband upon the wall.
- g) Candiemas Day, on 2nd February, is a Christian tradition of lighting it commemorates the presentation of Christ at the Temple.



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Set 1: Christmas

1.1	1.2	1.3
a) Eve	a) Christmas	a) Boxing
b) carols	b) tree	b) stockings
c) mistletoe	c) reindeer	c) feast
d) chimney	d) charitable	d) robin
e) turkey	e) crackers	e) wreath
f) Times Square	f) Holy	f) nativity
g) mass	g) canes	g) Dickens

Set 2: New Year

1.1	1.2	1.3
a) Eve	a) resolutions	a) many more
b) Trafalgar	b) Hogmanay	b) Pasadena
c) Times	c) horns	c) fireworks
d) strikes	d) Washington	d) midnight
e) Scottish song	e) calendars	e) rabbits x6
f) First Footing	f) noise	f) black hat
g) Twelfth Night	g) Big Ben	g) Chinese

5et 3: Valentine's Day

1.1	1.2	1.3
a) bishop	a) Valentine	a) cards
b) emperor	b) beloved	b) name
c) married	c) Beauty	c) Shakespeare
d) February	d) Cupid	d) roses
e) love	e) Paris	e) puppy
f) arrows	f) power	f) goddess
g) Ophelia	g) bars	g) stories

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