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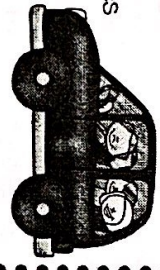
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1) THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on the Fourth Thursday of November each year. Many families follow traditions that began on the first Thanksgiving, but several have created their own traditions.

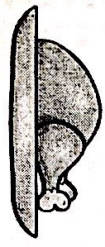
Traveling

Many people travel to spend time with their families. For the Thanksgiving holiday, people take cars, trains, buses, and planes to reach their loved ones. Thanksgiving is the busiest travel day of the year!



Foods

There are many traditional foods prepared on Thanksgiving. These include turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Dessert is often pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato, or apple pie. Turkey was most likely not served on the first Thanksgiving. No one is quite sure when turkey became the meat of choice for Thanksgiving, but it is the most popular meat on the November holiday now.

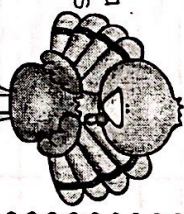


Wishbone

Many families include the turkey's wishbone in their Thanksgiving celebration. The wishbone is attached to the breast meat in the turkey's chest. Once the meat is removed and the wishbone dries, two people each take an end, make a wish, and pull. Whoever ends up with the largest part of the bone gets their wish! This tradition dates back thousands of years in civilizations all over.

Pardons

The President of the United States receives a gift of a live turkey each Thanksgiving. A backup turkey is always brought too in case something happens to the official turkey. The president traditionally "pardons" the National Thanksgiving Turkey and the alternate turkeys.

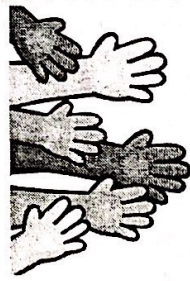


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at the White House ceremony each year. The turkeys are allowed to live the rest of their lives out on a farm. Farmers have sent their turkeys to presidents for years.

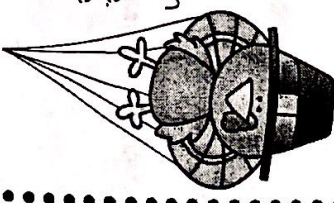
Volunteering

Many people spend their Thanksgiving helping the less fortunate. Several Americans volunteer at homeless shelters on Thanksgiving Day. Other donate to shelters or participate in canned food drives during Thanksgiving.



Macy's Parade

Television plays a large part in Thanksgiving celebrations for many families. Several people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The parade features six miles of marching bands, floats, songs, performances from Broadway musicals, and giant helium filled balloons! The first Macy's Day Parade was in 1924! The first balloon, Felix the Cat, floated in the 1927 parade. Mickey Mouse did not make his appearance in the parade until 1934. About 34 million people watch the parade live and around 50 million view it on television!



Football

Americans also often watch televised football games on Thanksgiving. This tradition goes back to the time of the Great Depression. After the Portsmouth Spartans moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1930, the team's owner knew he must do something to draw fans. In 1934, he arranged a match-up between the Spartans, later named the Lions, and the Chicago Bears. The Spartans lost, but a Thanksgiving tradition was born. The game sold out two weeks in advance and became such a hit that it was repeated each year.



After the huge feast, many families like to take walks, naps, or play games together. Families often create their own traditions for the Thanksgiving holiday. No matter what they do, everyone is sure to count their blessings.

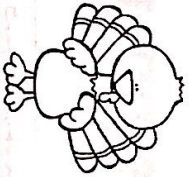
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THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS



Matching: Match each term with its description.

1. _____ Turkey	A. Department store who sponsors a yearly parade
2. _____ wishbone	B. The U.S. President does this for a turkey yearly
3. _____ pardons	C. First balloon at the Macy's Parade in 1927
4. _____ football	D. Major feature of the Macy's Day Parade
5. _____ Macy's	E. City where the first Thanksgiving NFL game occurred
6. _____ balloons	F. Meat most likely not served at the first Thanksgiving
7. _____ Felix the Cat	G. Time period when the Thanksgiving NFL game started
8. _____ Great Depression	H. Many volunteer here on Thanksgiving
9. _____ Detroit	I. Commonly pulled apart on Thanksgiving
10. _____ shelters	J. Sport often viewed on Thanksgiving

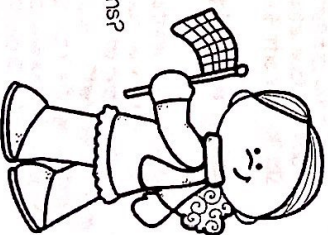
True or False?: Place a check in the correct column.

Statement	T	F
11. Thanksgiving always takes place on November 27th.		
12. Christmas is the most heavily traveled day of the year.		
13. Many families practice the tradition of breaking a wishbone.		
14. The turkeys pardoned by the President live at the White House.		
15. Many people volunteer at homeless shelters on Thanksgiving.		
16. The first Macy's Day parade featured a Felix the Cat balloon.		
17. Mickey Mouse was the first balloon the Macy's Day Parade.		
18. About 100 million people watch the Macy's Parade on TV yearly.		
19. The first NFL Thanksgiving Day game was lost by the home team.		
20. The first NFL Thanksgiving Day game was a huge hit and continued.		

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Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer from the choices provided.

- 21. What is the main purpose of the selection?
 - A. To persuade the reader to start their own holiday traditions.
 - B. To entertain the reader with a funny Thanksgiving story.
 - C. To inform the reader of many Thanksgiving traditions.
 - D. To explain how to create your own Thanksgiving meal.
- 22. Which of the following is NOT a Thanksgiving tradition discussed in the selection?
 - A. Traveling to spend time with loved ones.
 - B. Watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
 - C. Breaking the wishbone from the Thanksgiving turkey.
 - D. Playing a backyard game of football after dinner.
- 23. What happens to the official White House turkey on Thanksgiving?
 - A. He is featured at the main dinner.
 - B. He is allowed to live on the White House lawn.
 - C. He is pardoned by the U.S. President.
 - D. He is butchered by the White House chef.
- 24. Which of the following is NOT true about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
 - A. It is held in Washington, D.C.
 - B. It first began in 1924.
 - C. It features marching bands, floats, and performances.
 - D. Around 3.5 million watch the parade live.
- 25. Which of the following is NOT true about the first Thanksgiving Day NFL game?
 - A. It took place during the Great Depression.
 - B. It was a matchup between the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys.
 - C. The home team lost the game.
 - D. The game was popular and sold out quickly.
- 26. Which genre of literature is this article?
 - A. Science Fiction
 - B. Historical Fiction
 - C. Non-Fiction
 - D. Biography
- 27. What is the author's tone toward Thanksgiving traditions?
 - A. Disgruntled
 - B. Persuasive
 - C. Serious
 - D. Informative



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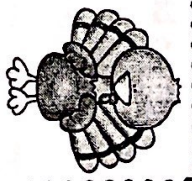
THANKSGIVING: FACT OR FICTION?

Read each statement and make a prediction whether you think it is Fact or Fiction.

Statement	Fact or Fiction?
1. Thanksgiving is held the final Thursday of November each year.	
2. One of America's Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird.	
3. Lincoln was the first American President to proclaim a national day of Thanksgiving.	
4. Macy's was the first department store to sponsor a parade for Thanksgiving.	
5. Turkeys are slow-moving birds who lack the ability to fly.	
6. Native Americans used cranberries for cooking, as well as medicinal purposes.	
7. The movement of the turkey inspired a ballroom dance.	
8. Two turkeys earned a trip to Disney World on Thanksgiving Day in 2007.	
9. Turkey contains an amino acid that makes you sleepy.	
10. The tradition of playing or watching football on Thanksgiving started with the first NFL game.	

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THANKSGIVING: FACT OR FICTION?



1. Thanksgiving is held on the final Thursday of November each year.

Fiction: In 1863, the last Thursday in November was designated as a national day of Thanksgiving by Abraham Lincoln. In 1939, after a request from the National Retail Dry Goods Association, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the holiday should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday (and never the fifth) of November in order to extend the holiday shopping season by a week. This decision sparked controversy and was still unresolved two years later when the House of Representatives passed a resolution making the last Thursday in November a legal national holiday. The Senate then amended the resolution, setting the date as the fourth Thursday, and the House eventually agreed.

2. One of America's Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird.

Fact: Benjamin Franklin suggested the wild turkey would be a more appropriate national symbol for the newly independent United States than the bald eagle in a 1784 letter to his daughter. The bald eagle was previously chosen by the Continental Congress. Franklin argued the turkey was "a much more respectable bird," a true original native of America, and "though a little vain and silly, a bird of courage."

3. Lincoln was the first American President to proclaim a national day of Thanksgiving.

Fiction: George Washington, John Adams, and James Madison all issued proclamations to urge Americans to observe days of Thanksgiving, both for general good fortune, and for particularly momentous events, such as the adoption of the U.S. Constitution (Washington), and the end of the War of 1812 (Madison).

4. Macy's was the first department store to sponsor a parade for Thanksgiving.

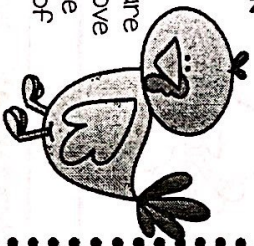
Fiction: Gimbels, a Philadelphia department store, sponsored a parade in 1920. The Macy's parade, launched four years later, soon became a Thanksgiving tradition and the kickoff to the holiday shopping season. The event became better known after the hit film *Miracle on 34th Street* in 1947, which showed actual footage of the 1946 parade. The Macy's parade features giant balloons and floats, live music, and other performances, including Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, and cast members of well-known Broadway shows.

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5. Turkeys are slow-moving birds who lack the ability to fly.

Fiction: (kind of) Domesticated turkeys, the type eaten on Thanksgiving, cannot fly. They have a pace limited to a slow walk. Female domesticated turkeys are usually smaller and lighter than males, so they can move somewhat faster. On the other hand, wild Turkeys, are much smaller and more agile. They can reach speeds of up to 20-25 miles per hour on the ground and fly for short distances at speeds approaching 55 miles per hour. They also have better eyesight and hearing than their domestic counterparts.

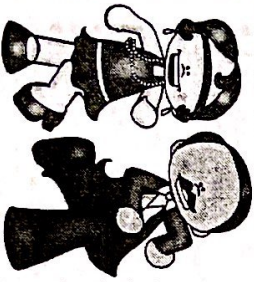


6. Native Americans used cranberries for cooking, as well as medicinal purposes.

Fact: According to the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, one of the country's oldest Farmers' organizations, Native Americans used cranberries in a variety of foods. This included "pemican," a nourishing, high-protein combination of crushed berries, dried deer meat, and melted fat. They also used it as a medicine to treat arrow punctures and other wounds, as well as a dye for fabric. The Pilgrims adopted these uses for the fruit and gave it the name "craneberry" because its drooping pink blossoms in the spring reminded them of a crane.

7. The movement of the turkey inspired a ballroom dance.

Fact: The turkey trot was one of a number of popular dance styles emerging in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States. The dance modeled the bird's characteristic short, jerky steps. The two-step, a simple dance requiring little to no instruction, was quickly followed by such dances as the one-step, the turkey trot, the fox trot, and the bunny hug. These could all be performed to ragtime and jazz music, popular at that time. The dances spread like wildfire, helped along by the teachings and performances of exhibition dancers.



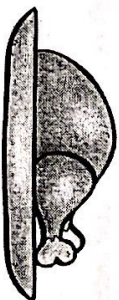
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8. Two turkeys earned a trip to Disney World on Thanksgiving Day in 2007.

Fact: President George W. Bush granted a "pardon" to two turkeys named May an Flower at the 60th annual National Thanksgiving Presentation, in the Rose Garden at the White House on November 20th, 2007. The turkeys were then flown to Orlando, Florida, where they served as honorary grand marshals for the Disney World Thanksgiving Day Parade. The current tradition of presidential turkey pardons started in 1947, under Harry Truman, but the practice is said to have formally started with Abraham Lincoln, who granted a pardon to his son, Tad, pet turkey.

9. Turkey contains an amino acid that makes you sleepy.

Fact: Turkey contains the essential amino acid, tryptophan, a natural sedative. It is also in a lot of other foods like chicken, beef, pork, beans, and cheese. Many people believe turkey's tryptophan content is what makes people feel sleepy after a big Thanksgiving meal, but it is actually probably the combination of fats and carbohydrates that most people eat with the turkey, as well as the large amount of food consumed. This makes people feel like following up their meal with a nap.



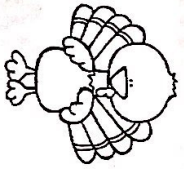
10. The tradition of playing or watching football on Thanksgiving started with the first NFL game.

Fiction: The American tradition of college football on Thanksgiving is pretty much as old as the sport itself. In 1876, the newly formed American Intercollegiate Football Association held its first championship game on Thanksgiving Day. The sport at this time resembled something between rugby and what we think of as football today. More than 5,000 club, college, and high school football games were taking place on Thanksgiving by the 1890s. The championship match-ups between schools like Princeton and Yale drew up to 40,000 fans. In 1934, the National Football League took up the tradition of Thanksgiving football when the Detroit Lions (who had recently arrived in the city and been renamed) played the Chicago bears at the University of Detroit stadium in front of 26,000 fans. Since that day, the Lions game on Thanksgiving is an annual event, taking place every year except during World War II (1939-1944).

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THANKSGIVING: FACT OR FICTION?



Matching: Match each term with its description.

1. _____ crane	A. Amino acid found in turkey
2. _____ Gimbels	B. Famous department store that hold annual parade
3. _____ Disney World	C. Most turkeys consumed are this
4. _____ Lincoln	D. Thought the turkey should be the national bird
5. _____ domesticated	E. Popular Thanksgiving side was named after this
6. _____ Detroit	F. Had the first Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia
7. _____ Franklin	G. President who made a day of Thanksgiving in 1863
8. _____ Tryptophan	H. President officially credited for pardoning turkeys
9. _____ Macy's	I. NFL team who always plays on Thanksgiving
10. _____ Truman	J. Amusement park where turkeys were invited

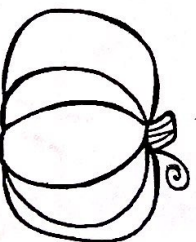
True or False? Place a check in the correct column.

Statement	T	F
11. Thanksgiving is always the last Thursday in November.		
12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was the first of its kind.		
13. The U.S. President pardons a turkey each year.		
14. The Chicago Bears hosted the first Thanksgiving NFL game.		
15. The turkey was the national bird of America for a period of time.		
16. Tryptophan is the main reason people get sleepy on Thanksgiving.		
17. Native Americans used cranberries for medicinal purposes.		
18. A Thanksgiving NFL game has taken place every year since 1934.		
19. Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November a day of Thanksgiving.		
20. Domesticated turkeys cannot typically fly.		

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Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer from the choices provided.

- Which of the following best describes the author's purpose in writing this article?
 - To persuade the reader to learn more about Thanksgiving.
 - To explain to the reader how to celebrate Thanksgiving properly.
 - To inform the reader about facets of Thanksgiving.
 - To entertain the reader with an interesting story about Thanksgiving.
- "The Senate then amended the resolution, setting the date as the Fourth Thursday, and the House eventually agreed." What is the best meaning of amended in the quote?
 - To alter or change
 - To solidify
 - To maintain
 - To remove
- Which best describes the text structure of the article?
 - Compare and Contrast
 - Chronological
 - Problem and Solution
 - Description
- Which of the following does NOT accurately describe the turkey trot?
 - It is a dance.
 - It modeled the bird's characteristic short, jerky steps.
 - It was difficult to learn.
 - It became popular, along with other dances of the time.
- Which United States President was not mentioned as influencing Thanksgiving celebrations?
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - George Washington
 - Harry Truman
 - Thomas Jefferson



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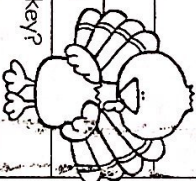
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3 THANKSGIVING FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Read each statement and determine the type of figurative language used. Choose from: alliteration, metaphor, pun, idiom, symbolism, simile, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, oxymoron, or personification. Some are used more than once.



1.	The pumpkin pie was heaven!
2.	I ate like a pig on Thanksgiving Day.
3.	I was stuffed after Thanksgiving dinner!
4.	What is the most musical part of a turkey? -The drumstick
5.	Tom Turkey tended to tremble.
6.	The turkey gobbled loudly.
7.	My mom told me a million times not to chew with my mouth open.
8.	The cornucopia represents the harvest.
9.	Our Thanksgiving dinner was awfully good!
10.	I was worried as a turkey on Thanksgiving before my test.
11.	Auntie Ann's apple pie is always awesome!
12.	The leaves scurried across the backyard while we were playing football.
13.	Grandpa said he was so hungry he could eat a thousand turkeys.
14.	The turkey is often used to represent Thanksgiving.
15.	I was really upset when my boyfriend could not come to dinner, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise!
16.	How are a ghost and a turkey alike? -They are both a-gobbler!

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1) Thanksgiving Traditions — 127

2) Fact or Fiction — 125

3) Figurative Language — 116

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