

Thanksgiving Story Vocabulary

Practice reading the words and talk about what they mean. Point to the pictures in the story.

1. **Thanksgiving:** a day to say “thanks”
2. **Pilgrim:** a group of people from England, a long time ago, wanting religious freedom
3. **Native American:** people from America, before Europeans
4. **Ship:** a big boat
5. **Meal:** breakfast, lunch, dinner
6. **Religion:** what you believe about God and how you **worship (pray and honor God)**
7. **Freedom:** to be free
8. **Different/Same**
9. **Leave/Arrive**

Draw a line from England to America.



Look at a calendar. Find the **fourth Thursday** of November. That is Thanksgiving Day!

When is Thanksgiving Day this year?

THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is the 4th Thursday of November.

This is the story of Thanksgiving.

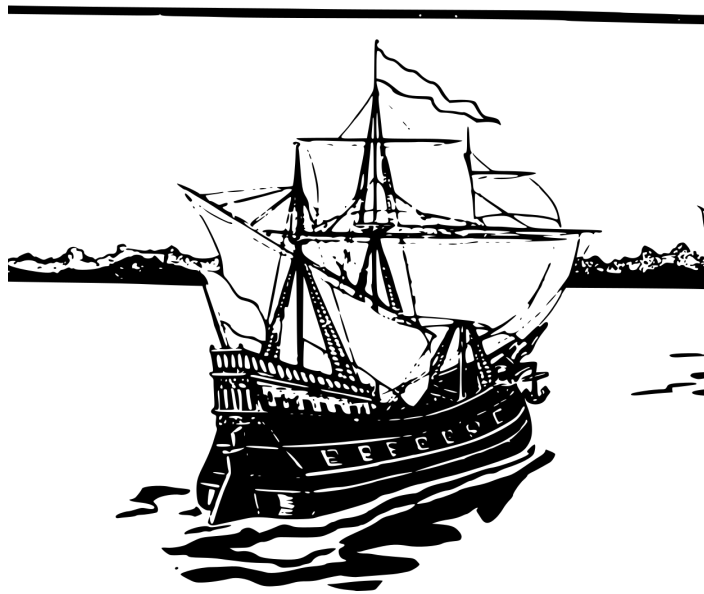
The **Pilgrims** are a group of people from England.

Long ago, they did not have **religious freedom** in England.

The pilgrims love God.

They want to be free to **worship** God.

They **leave** England for America.



102 pilgrims go by **ship**.

The name of the ship is the Mayflower.

They leave in the year 1620.

It takes 66 days.

On November 9, 1620, they **arrive** in America.

America is very **different**. They have many problems.

They do not know how to grow food in a new place.

Many people get sick.

Almost half of the people die.

They pray to God for help. Help comes!



Native Americans help the Pilgrims.

The Pilgrims grow food with help.

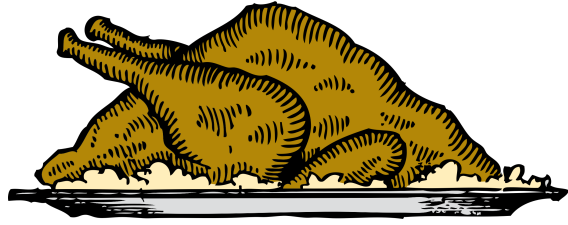
They make a new life.

The Pilgrims and Native Americans celebrate together.

The Pilgrims say a "Blessing".

They say "Thank you" to God.

This is the first Thanksgiving.



turkey

On Thanksgiving Day people give thanks to God.

They eat a big turkey dinner with family and friends.

What are you thankful for?



1. Answer the questions out loud.

What is the name of the holiday?

When is Thanksgiving?

Where were the Pilgrims from?

Why did the Pilgrims come to America?

What was the name of the ship?

Who helped the Pilgrims in America?

What do people do on Thanksgiving Day?

2. Tell your story of coming to America.

3. What are you thankful for? *Write sentences in your notebook, and then ask your tutor this question.*

4. Finish the chart with "nouns" and "verbs" from the story.

Nouns

(Person, Place, or Thing)

Verbs

(Action Words)

pilgrim
ship

go
take

5. Writing: Write a new sentence with each verb.