

## Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated **predominantly** in North America, and it **possesses** a different **meaning** in each of the countries where it's acknowledged.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is a federal holiday (meaning all **government** employees and most private **employees** are given a day off of work), and always takes place on the Fourth Thursday in November, regardless of the date.

The holiday signifies the immense progress made by pilgrims, or some of the first travelers to North America, at Plymouth Plantation circa 1621. It was at this time that the hungry and weary Pilgrims were taught (by Native Americans) how to grow and produce food on North America's **unique** terrain. Once they'd grown (and caught) an abundance of food, the Pilgrims were **expectedly** thankful, and they celebrated alongside the Native Americans who provided them with such valuable assistance. President Abraham Lincoln initiated the contemporary practice of Thanksgiving by calling for a "day of Thanksgiving" during one of his Civil War addresses.

In America today, Thanksgiving remains firmly engrained in its historical roots, and is widely considered to be a day for giving thanks for good food, good times, and family. Thanksgiving dinner generally consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, gravy, and ample desserts. To be sure, **indulging** in abundance is a cornerstone of the holiday, as doing so could only be possible if one possesses abundance.



1. When is Thanksgiving celebrated in the US?

- a. November 25
- b. Four weeks before Christmas
- c. Throughout November
- d. The Fourth Thursday in November

always takes place on the fourth Thursday in November

2. Which event(s) began the tradition of Thanksgiving?

- a. The pilgrims' food-creation success and largescale celebratory dinner
- b. Nobody is certain
- c. An address delivered by President Lincoln
- d. A and C

President Abraham Lincoln initiated the contemporary practice of Thanksgiving

3. Which food(s) are often prepared for Thanksgiving dinner?

- a. Turkey
- b. Potatoes
- c. Stuffing
- d. All of the above

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4. Where is Thanksgiving celebrated?

- a. Only in America
- b. Only in Canada
- c. In English speaking countries
- d. Throughout North America and some other parts of the world, albeit in different forms and on different dates

Possess a different meaning in each of the countries

5. What is the meaning of Thanksgiving's federal holiday status?

- a. The federal government instructs all citizens to celebrate Thanksgiving
- b. Only federal government employees celebrate Thanksgiving
- c. All federal employees and many other workers are given a day off for
- d. Thanksgiving 4 It's difficult to say for sur

meaning all government employees and most private employees are given a day off of work

### The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World, is located in the state of Arizona. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Formed by over 70 million years of erosion from the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon offers a spectacular view. The canyon spans 277 miles in length, up to 18 miles in width, and it measures over a mile in depth at its deepest points. Carlos always wanted to visit the Grand Canyon, and recently he received the chance to hike some of the trails and take several panoramic photographs during his visit.



When Carlos arrived at the visitor center, he watched a brief movie that taught tourists about the Grand Canyon National Park and the geological history of the canyon's formation. Later, Carlos followed a hiking trail to become even further acquainted with the canyon. While walking through the trails, Carlos saw some tourists riding donkeys to traverse the canyon's ridges. Throughout his hiking expedition, Carlos used a map to find some of the best hot spots for photographs within the canyon. He revisited some areas at different points in the day because sun angles and lighting can make a big difference in the quality of a photo.

Carlos was very pleased that he got to travel to the Grand Canyon. He loves hiking and photography, so this was the perfect outdoor experience for him. He posted all of his best pictures on social media, and his friends were amazed by his breathtaking, panoramic shots.

1. All of the following is true about the Grand Canyon except:

- a. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- b. It is one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.
- c. It is a U.S. National Park.
- d. Its measurements are unknown.

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2. What geological process best explains how the Grand Canyon formed?

- a. A volcanic eruption
- b. River erosion erosion from the Colorado River
- c. A tsunami
- d. An earthquake

3. What did Carlos do first during his trip?

- a. Watch a short film at the visitor center.
- b. Hike the trails of the Grand Canyon.
- c. Find different spots to take photographs.
- d. Participate in a donkey tour along the ridges.

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## Text number 2: Thanksgiving

### vocabulary:

- Predominantly - Predominantemente
- Possesses - Posee
- meaning - Significado
- government - Gobierno
- employees - empleados
- unique - Único
- expectedly - Esperando
- indulging - Complacer

## Text number 3: The grand canyon

### vocabulary:

- Panoramic - Panorámica
- brief - breve
- tought - Pense
- hiking - Senderismo
- donkeys - burros
- throughout - a lo largo de
- outdoor - exterior
- breathtaking - asombroso