

Thanksgiving

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**

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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**

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

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

Thanksgiving dinner generally consists of Turkey

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**

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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, 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.**

and it measures over a mile in depth at its deepest points

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

- a. A volcanic eruption
- b. **River erosion**
- c. A tsunami
- d. An earthquake

Formed by over 70 million years of erosion from the Colorado River

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.

When Carlos arrived at the visitor center

Vocabulary = Thanksgiving:

Holiday = vacaciones

Possesses = posee

Meaning = significado

Each = cada

Acknowledged = admitido

Government = gobierno

Employees = empleados

Regardless = sin importar

Signifies = significa

Immense = inmenso

Pilgrims = peregrinos

Wearry = cansado

Taught = enseñado

Grow = crecer

Alongside = junto a

Such = semejante

Valuable = valioso

Initiated = iniciada

Addresses = direcciones

Remains = restos

Firmly = firmemente

Engrained = arraigada

Roots = raíces

Widely = ampliamente

Turkey = pavo

Mashed = machacado

Stuffing = relleno

Ample = amplio

Vocabulary: The Grand Canyon:

State = expresar

Heritage = herencia

Erosion = erosión

Offers = ofertas

Canyons = cañones

Spans = tramos

Length = largo

Width = ancho

Measures = medidas

Mile = milla

Deepest = más profundo

Hike = caminata

Photographs = fotografías

Brief = breve

Taught = enseñado

Geological = geológico

Hiking = senderismo

Further = más

Acquainted = familiarizado

Saw = sierra

Donkeys = burros

Ridges = crestas

Within = dentro

Angles = ángulos

Outdoor = exterior

Posted = al corriente

Breathtaking = asombroso

Shots = disparos