

# READING COMPREHENSION



1 Read the text and answer the questions.

## Boston

Jean and her family recently traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, one of America's oldest colonial cities. Boston is rich in history and local personality. During their visit, Jean and her family appreciated learning about Boston's role during the American Revolution.

In the city, Jean and her family followed the famous Freedom Trail. This is a 2.5-mile route that tourists can explore in order to visit 16 different historical landmarks located throughout the city. Famous sites on this trail include the Paul Revere House, King's Chapel, and the Bunker Hill Memorial. Jean and her family received a map to navigate the Freedom Trail. The roads were clearly marked by red lines, and there were signs throughout the city to keep Jean's family and other tourists from getting lost.

As part of the Freedom Trail, Jean and her family spent a lot of time in Boston's North End. This is one of the oldest residential neighborhoods in the entire country. Here, Jean and her family were able to visit Boston Harbor, which is the site of the historical Boston Tea Party. This event sent a strong message to the British leading up to the American Revolution.

The end of the Freedom Trail led Jean and her family to the Boston Common, the oldest urban park in the nation. The park is filled with plenty of lush greenery, but it also serves as a burial ground for heroes of the American Revolution.

Because of their walk along the historical Freedom Trail, Jean and her family left Boston with a thorough understanding of early American history.

1. What period of American history did Jean and her family learn about in Boston?

- a. The Great Depression
- b. The Prohibition Era
- c. The American Revolution
- d. The Civil War

code during the america  
revolution

2. What route did Jean and her family follow to visit 16 historical sites?

- a. Paul Revere Road
- b. The Boston Common
- c. The Freedom Trail
- d. The North End

the famous freedom  
trail

3. All of the following prevented Jean and her family from getting lost except:

- a. Having access to a map
- b. The clear city signs
- c. Following a knowledgeable tour guide
- d. The red markings on the road

the roads were clearly marked by red lines

4. What important historical event took place in Boston Harbor?

- a. The Boston Tea Party
- b. The Boston Common
- c. The Revolutionary War
- d. The Haymarket Riots

trail led Jean her family to the Boston common

5. The Boston Common contains a burial ground for:

- a. Native Americans
- b. Heroes of the American Revolution
- c. Colonial Boston's elite families
- d. Fallen British soldiers

for heroes of the America revolution

### Thanksgiving

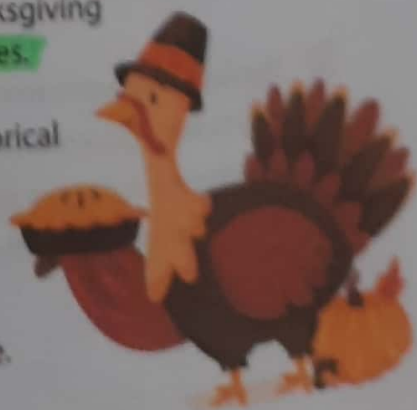


Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated predominantly in North America, and it possesses a different meaning in each of the countries where it's acknowledged.

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

on the fourth thuesday  
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

the pilgrims were  
expectedly thankful

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

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

today americans celebrate thanksgiving by  
eating 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

celebrated predominantly in  
North America

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

thanksgiving is  
a federal  
holi day