

# Thanksgiving Reading Comprehension Printables and Activities

7 Reading Comprehension Passages and worksheets to check for comprehension

## The Mayflower Voyage

When the Mayflower left England there were 102 passengers on board. The journey was not easy. The ship was very crowded. The Pilgrims had to take everything with them including clothes, food, livestock, weapons and tools. Everyone lived together in one small space below deck.

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### The Mayflower Voyage

Re-read the text from **The Mayflower Voyage** to answer the questions. Find the evidence in the text to support your answers.

- List two reasons why the journey was not easy.
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- Why did the Pilgrims have to take so many things with them?  
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- Why did the passengers have to stay below deck much of the time?  
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- Why did so many Pilgrims become sick on the journey?  
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## The Wampanoag Tribe

The Wampanoag was the name of the Native American tribe that helped the Pilgrims. A Wampanoag home was called a wetu. Wetus were made of curved poles and covered with grasses or tree bark. Most of their clothes were made from deerskin. They wore jewelry made from

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### The Wampanoag Tribe

Re-read the text from **The Wampanoag Tribe** to answer the questions. Find the evidence in the text to support your answers.

- What did the Wampanoag make their wetu's out of?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- What did the Wampanoag make their clothing and jewelry out of?  
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- What chores were the women and girls assigned?  
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- What chores were the men and boys assigned?  
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- What are some things the children did for fun?  
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7 passages written at a lower level

## Their New Home



The Pilgrims wrote the Mayflower Compact that set the rules for the new colony. Then the men go to shore and begin to explore. They need to find a good spot to build their houses. They choose a spot close to fresh water.

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## The Mayflower



The Mayflower had 102 passengers when it left England. The journey was not easy. The ship was very crowded. The Pilgrims had to take everything with them including clothes, food, animals and tools. Everyone lived in one small space below the deck. There was very little water to bathe with. The ship soon began to stink. The ship runs into some terrible storms. Many people become sick. A few Pilgrims also died on the trip. Finally after 66 days at sea land was spotted.

Why was the Pilgrims journey on the Mayflower hard?

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## Thanksgiving Past and Present

The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days. Today we celebrate for just one day. The Pilgrims did not have turkey but deer, wild birds and fish. We eat pumpkin pie but the Pilgrims did not have pumpkin pie or any other type of dessert because they had no sugar. Today families gather around a table to give thanks but many of the Pilgrims sat on the ground to eat. They also did not have any forks, just knives and spoons. But one thing that is the same is that Thanksgiving is still a time to be thankful for all our blessings and a chance to be with family and friends.

List three ways that our Thanksgiving is different from the first Thanksgiving?

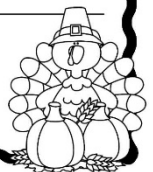
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48 Vocabulary word wall cards in color and b/w  
One set includes a definition, and one does not

Feast



Cabin



Corn

Veget

Pumpkin  
Pie



Family



Dinner



Cornucopia



Feast

a large meal



Cabin

the home of the Pilgrims,  
made from logs



Corn

a vegetable  
a stalk

Veget

a type of p  
garden

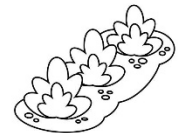
Football



Harvest



Crops



Grateful




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## Pilgrims



Can	Have	Are
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wampanoag



K (what I know)	W (what I want to know)	L (what I learned)
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Fill in the Venn Diagram to compare how the First Thanksgiving is the same and different from how we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

## Past and Present

First Thanksgiving	Both	Our Thanksgiving
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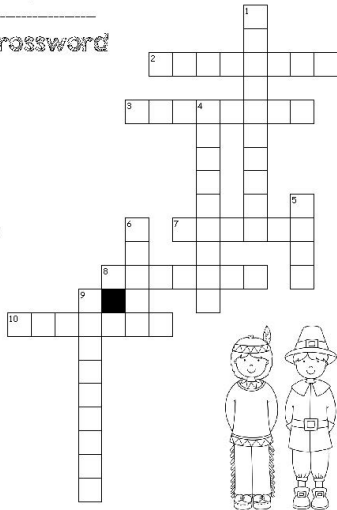

## Thanksgiving Vocabulary Crossword

**Across**

- A person who comes from far away
- the place the Pilgrims landed
- A long trip
- All the food that is grown for the winter
- A Native American who helped the Pilgrims

**Down**

- A symbol of the harvest
- Name of the Pilgrim's ship
- Wampanoag home
- A large meal
- Native American tribe that helped the Pilgrims

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## I am thankful for...

Directions: Write a word or phrase you are thankful for. Then draw a picture.

Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful!

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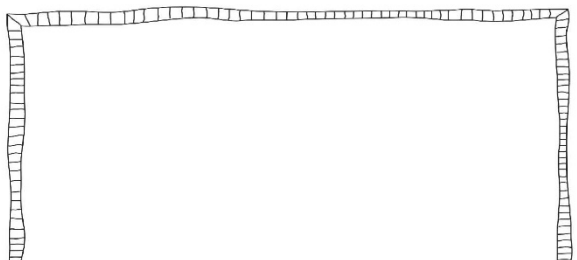
## Thankful for Books

Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful! Age Time To Be Thankful!

**I am thankful for these books:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_


This is an illustration of book # \_\_\_\_\_



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## Baking a Pumpkin Pie

Directions: Cut apart the story event sentences. Glue them in the order that they happened.



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When the timer goes off take the pie out of the oven.	In a bowl mix the pumpkin mix, milk and eggs.
Once all the ingredients are mixed, pour into a pie shell.	Turn on the oven. Set the temperature to 425°.
Gather all the ingredients you will need.	Put the pie into the oven and set the timer.
Cut a piece of the pie and enjoy!	Let the pie cool.

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## It's a Fact!


Write down 2 facts you learned

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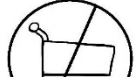
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## Author's Purpose

Directions: Read each paragraph.  
Write *entertain* under the paragraph that was written to entertain.  
Write *persuade* under the paragraph that was written to persuade.  
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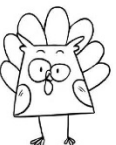
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Thomas wanted to be placed to help for him. He is a nice, old man who quickly becomes worried about

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade started in 1924. The first parade had zoo animals and balloons. Balloons were used in the parade. The first balloon was of Felix the Cat. There are about 50 balloons in the parade. There are also floats and marching bands.

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## Chose a writing prompt. Write about it on the lines.

- If you were traveling on the Mayflower, what is one item you would bring with you.
- Would you have rather been a Pilgrim or a Native American?
- What is one Thanksgiving Food you can't live without.




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## Cause and Effect

Match the cause to the effect by writing the letter for each effect next to its matching cause.

CAUSES	EFFECTS
_____ 1. The King of England made the Pilgrims go to his church.	A. Many Pilgrims became sick on
_____ 2. The Mayflower ran into some terrible storms.	
_____ 3. There is very little Food eat during their first winter.	
_____ 4. The Pilgrims were grateful to the Native Americans for their help.	
_____ 5. The Pilgrims had plenty of Food to store for the winter.	
_____ 6. The Pilgrims cleaned the land.	
_____ 7. The Pilgrims had to take	













Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanksgiving: Then and Now

Directions: Read each sentence. Use the color code to color the leaf in front of each sentence.

COLOR CODE  
red = then  
orange = now  
brown = both

-  1. We eat turkey and stuffing for dinner.
-  2. We spend time with family and friends.
-  3. We hunt deer and wild birds for the feast.
-  4. We give thanks for the blessings in our lives.
-  5. Our feast lasts for three days.
-  6. We spend the day after Thanksgiving shopping.
-  7. We watch football games on television.
-  8. We watch the Macy's Parade on television.
-  9. Our families cook a lot of food.
-  10. We have the day off from school.

