

## L. V. Anglais : Thanksgiving



Americans celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November. Children don't go to school. It is a special day and people travel great distances to be with their families.

The story starts in 1620 when Pilgrims leave their country, England, on a ship called the Mayflower because of religious reasons : they want to start a new life in the New World (America). They arrive in the colony in winter 1620 and there isn't much food. Many of them die. In the spring, a native American called Squanto helps them grow corn and hunt. Pilgrims and native Americans become friends. In November 1621, everyone has food and home.

Pilgrims are very thankful and they invite their native American friends to a feast : the first Thanksgiving.

Today, the traditional meal is similar to the first. People eat roast turkey with cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie. In New York, there are also parades and more than two million people go and see it every year.



### Exercise : fill in the blanks with the following words.

*Pilgrim ; Thanksgiving ; Indians ; pumpkin pie ; 1620 ; turkey ; Mayflower ; hunt ; winter ; feast*

In ....., ..... leave England on a boat called the .....

They arrive in the New World (America) in ..... and ..... help them to survive. They show Pilgrims how to fish and how to ..... They were very thankful and invite Indians to a big ..... : this is the first .....

For this occasion, they eat ....., sweet potatoes and .....