

- 1 Check the meaning of the words in the box. Then look at the pictures and answer the questions.

turkey pumpkin corn
harvest hunt settler

- 1 What is happening in picture A? What are people eating?
- 2 When did the event in picture B take place?
a. 1500 b. 1621 c. 1756

- 2  1.38 Read and listen to the text and check your answers to exercise 1.

Thanksgiving Day

Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. Families meet for a special meal including turkey, corn, potatoes and pumpkin pie – a popular dessert. Then families do activities together or watch TV.

The Thanksgiving festival celebrates the first harvest of the Pilgrims – a group of religious settlers. In September 1620, they left England for America on a ship – the Mayflower. That winter, when they arrived, they were very cold and didn't have enough food. So half of them died. A Native American leader, Squanto, visited the settlers. His people showed the settlers how to grow corn and vegetables and how to hunt animals for food.

In autumn 1621, after a good harvest, the Pilgrims held a big celebration to thank God. They invited the Native Americans. For three days, they ate together. Also, they played games, sang songs and danced. It was the start of a long tradition.




- 3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 What do people eat on Thanksgiving Day?
- 2 Where did the Pilgrims arrive in 1620?
- 3 Why did many settlers die in the first winter?
- 4 How did they learn to grow food?
- 5 Who went to the first Thanksgiving meal?

- 4  **YOUR CULTURE** Choose a festival in your hometown / city. Then ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 When is the festival?
- 2 Where is it?
- 3 What do people celebrate?
- 4 How do they celebrate it?
- 5 Do people have special food?
- 6 Do they do special activities?

- 5  **USE IT!** Write a short description (35 – 50 words) of a festival in Việt Nam. Use your answers in exercise 4 to help you.