## **CULTURE** • Thanksgiving I can talk about a festival in my country.

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
- 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.

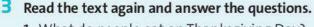
The Thanksgiving festival celebrates the first harvest of the Pilgrims - a group of religious settlers. In September 1620, they left England for America on a ship - the Mayflower. That winter, when they arrived, they were very cold

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 are together. Also, they played games, sang songs and danced. It was the start of a long tradition.







- 1 What do people eat on Thanksgiving Day?

- 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.

