

Thanksgiving



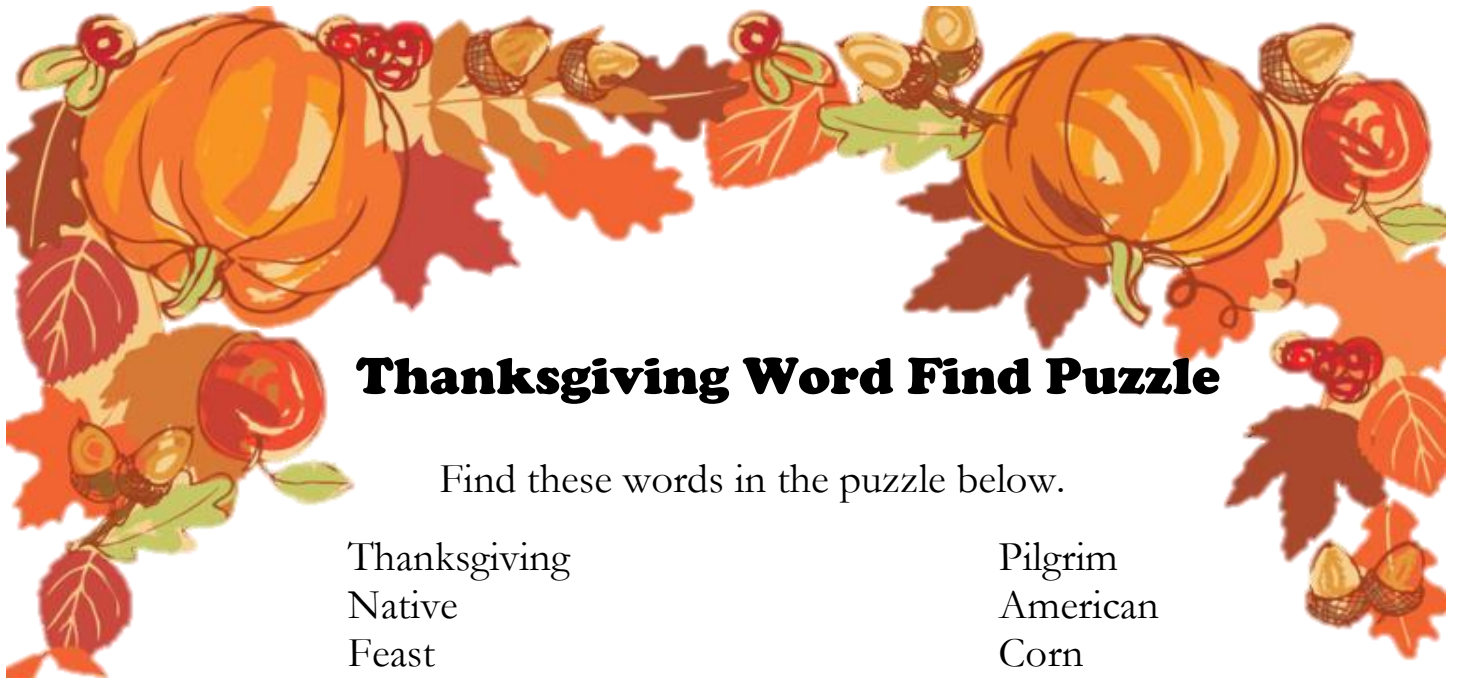
The Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared a feast to celebrate their first successful autumn harvest. This is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For over two-hundred years, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a national holiday to be held each November.

Unlike our Thanksgiving feast today, the first Thanksgiving didn't include a traditional dressing and pies. The menu did include various types of fowl – wild turkeys, ducks and geese. Many local fruits and vegetables were served including beans, berries, carrots and cabbage. Being a coastal colony, the meal consisted primarily of seafood. The bays were full of fish, eels and mussels. Oysters were not local but they were brought up by the Native Americans to share.

Instead of pie, milk and sugar was added into the pumpkin and they were roasted whole in ashes to create a delicious pumpkin pudding.

**What are some things you are thankful for?
What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?**





Thanksgiving Word Find Puzzle

Find these words in the puzzle below.

Thanksgiving
Native
Feast
Colony
Holiday
Turkey

Pilgrim
American
Corn
Harvest
Plymouth
New England

P L Y M O U T H T N R G P K I
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