

# MY FIRST THANKSGIVING

When do they celebrate Thanksgiving?

- a) 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Nov.
- b) 4<sup>th</sup> October
- c) 4<sup>th</sup> November

What was the name of their ship?

- a) Mayflower
- b) Unknown
- c) Wampanoag

Who are the "Pilgrim Fathers"?

- a) people who want to start a new life in America
- b) the Indians

When does the Pilgrims arrive in the New World?

- a) In 1620
- b) In 1621

What is the Thanksgiving traditional meal?

- a) Pumpkin Pie and roast turkey
- b) Chicken and potatoes
- c) Hamburgers and pumpkin pie

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

The story starts in 1620, when the Pilgrims left their country - England, on a ship called the Mayflower, because of religious reasons. They want to start a new life in the New World.

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. The pilgrims and the native Americans become friends. In November 1621, everyone has food and home. The Pilgrims are very thankful and they invite their Native American friends to a feast: the first Thanksgiving.

Today the traditional Thanksgiving meal is similar to the first. People eat roast turkey with cranberry sauce, potatoes and pumpkin pie.

In New York, there are also parades and more than two million people go and see it every year.

