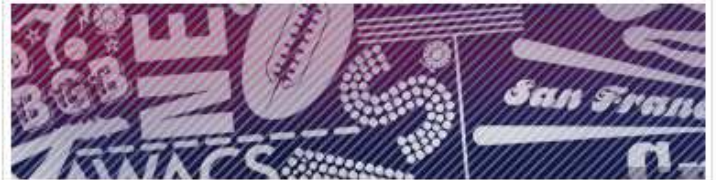




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• Elementary

Read the text and answer the questions.

Most fruit and vegetables grow through the summer. When autumn comes, it is time to bring them in from the trees and fields. This time is called the harvest. After the harvest, many people want to say thank for all the food. There are church services called Harvest Festivals or Thanksgiving Services. There are lots of vegetables, fruit, flowers and bread in the church, and people sing special songs of thanks. These services started hundreds of years ago.

In September 1620, a group of English people called the Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Plymouth, England across the Atlantic Ocean, in a ship called the Mayflower, to Cape Cod in North America. They went away from England because they did not agree with the religion in England. They wanted to make a new life in a new country.

They sailed for sixty-six dangerous days across the Atlantic Ocean. When they arrived, they called their new home New England, but they were not the first people to live there. The Wampanoag were the first people. Sometimes the Pilgrim Fathers fought with the Wampanoag, but they also learned a lot from them. The Wampanoag taught them to live from their new land to grow and cook new kinds of fruit and vegetables.

The first winter was difficult. Many of the Pilgrim Fathers died because it was very cold and they had little food. In the spring they started to grow food, with the help of some friendly Wampanoag and in the autumn of 1621 they celebrated the first harvest. They gave thanks, not only for the harvest, but for their new home, new life and new friends.

Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday in November. Canada is northern part of America, so the winter is longer and the harvest is earlier there. The date of Thanksgiving Day there is the second Monday in October. Most American and Canadian families still have a Thanksgiving Day dinner together. They have turkey and autumn vegetables and pumpkin pie.

In the USA, it is an important day for American football. Many people go to watch football or stay at home and watch it on television.

From:
Seasons and Celebrations – Jackie Maguire Factfiles Oxford Bookworms

- 1 What is harvest?
- 2 Who are the Pilgrims?
- 3 What is Mayflower?
- 4 Who lived in „New England”?
- 5 Why did the Pilgrim Fathers die?
- 6 When is Thanksgiving?
- 7 What do families do on this day?





- Pre-Intermediate

Fill the gaps with one appropriate word

Black Friday Deals Week: The Deals Are Here

Black Friday is an exciting day (1)... shopping, both online (2)...in stores. At Amazon, we strive to bring you low prices every day, but we also hate (3)... miss a good party. And we really hate (4)... when the party is over too soon. That's why Black Friday 2011 isn't just a day to us--it's a whole week. We'll have Black Friday deals and sales (5)... day, every day this week, including Black Friday (6)... of course, with those big after-Thanksgiving sales you (7)... been waiting for. Trust us, if you love a good deal, you won't want to miss a minute.

What sorts of deals will you find (8)... Black Friday Deals Week? You'll find limited-time sales and specials (9)... across Amazon, including sales (10)... electronics, low prices on DVDs, magazine subscription specials, toy bargains, and fashionable deals on clothing, shoes, jewelry, and more. You'll find our best deals of the year so far during Black Friday Deals Week, and Deal of the Day bargains you'll snap (11)... for holiday gifts.

Another day-that's-not-just-a-day that we're excited (12)... is Cyber Monday. Cyber Monday is the first Monday after Thanksgiving. We'll be kicking off Cyber Monday Deals Week with a week's worth of Cyber Monday deals on Sunday, November 27, just (13)... time for you to get back to work after Thanksgiving ... and shop online. Shhh ... we (14)... tell your boss! You'll find (15)... great deals and low prices every day during Cyber Monday Deals Week.

So, stop by, any day ... every day. We'll be here.





- *Intermediate*

Please complete the text with the words from the box. You have more words than necessary.

Welcome to Black Friday 2011!

Welcome to our corner of the world! Black Friday is the best time of the year to get (1)_____ deals from all your favorite manufacturers and (2)_____. Black Friday is November 25th this year and with the economy the way it is, Retailers will do anything to move (3)_____...that's where we come in...

We search the internet for the hottest deals and ads and put them in one (4)_____ place! What...wish you could click on your entire shopping list worth of deals and have it conveniently e-mailed to you so you can shop at home when it's convenient?

This year Black Friday 2011 will (5)_____ a fully functional "Add to Wishlist" section. Simply click "Add to Wishlist" on any (6)_____ you find and it will be added to your (7)_____. From inside your personal account space, you can (8)_____, view, and even e-mail yourself the list complete with links including embedded check out (9)_____ codes!

And what does this cost??? Not a penny!!! So check back with us in October as the deals start (10)_____!

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