

I am thankful for...

Thanksgiving is an annual American holiday held on the fourth Thursday of November each year. The holiday started in 1621, when the first American settlers experienced a feast with the Native Americans to celebrate the autumn harvest. Although the holiday is very old, it has become a day for Americans to spend time with their families and think about what they are thankful for. And, of course, Thanksgiving is also food! Typical Thanksgiving foods include food eaten, turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, corn and pumpkin pie, and it seems that every family has their own way of celebrating the holiday with different foods. Thanksgiving is also a time to see all the relatives in the year where the whole family can spend time together – brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and other members of the family often travel very far to celebrate the holiday! How, let's spend time thinking about our family and what we want to be thankful for this year!

Now, let's review some Thanksgiving vocabulary –

turkey	bird
Native Americans	Indians
Thanksgiving	holiday
Turkey	meat

Now, let's think about our own families and the times we spend together. What times during this year are special family events? Are there any special foods for these times? Do you travel far to spend time with your family on special days?