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## Thanksgiving Rebus

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In 1620, the  (**King of England**) controlled the  (**Church of England**). He wanted all people to go to the same kind of church. A group of people wanted freedom to practice religion the way they wanted. They left their country on a ship called the  (**Mayflower**). After six weeks at sea, this group of people, now called the  (**Pilgrims**), landed at  (**Plymouth**) in the New World. It was December.

The  (**winter**) was very long and difficult for the  (**Pilgrims**). They survived with help from  (**Native Americans**) living in the area. In  (**autumn**) of 1621, the  (**Pilgrims**) had been living in the New World for one year, and were very  (**thankful**) for a successful  (**harvest**). They invited  (**Native Americans**) from the area to share in the  (**abundance**) with a large  (**feast**). The  (**celebration**) lasted for three whole days! They most likely ate deer, grapes, and corn. We now call this event the first  (**Thanksgiving**).

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**(Thanksgiving)** did not become a national holiday until 1863. President



**(Abraham Lincoln)** declared that the country would celebrate the holiday on the last

Thursday in the month of



**(November)**. In 1939, President



**(Franklin**

**D. Roosevelt)** declared the fourth Thursday of



**(November)** to be



**(Thanksgiving)**. Today, we celebrate very differently than the



**(Pilgrims)** did many

years ago. We gather with friends and family, eat turkey, and sometimes watch



**(football)** on television. It is a time to be



**(thankful)** for all the good things we have.



King of England



autumn



Thanksgiving



Church of England



thankful



Abraham Lincoln



Mayflower



harvest



November



Pilgrims



abundance



winter



Plymouth



feast



Franklin D. Roosevelt



Native Americans



celebration



football



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# HAPPY Thanksgiving!

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