

THANKSGIVING

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It is also (1) ____ Thanksgiving Day. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year. It used to be a (2) ____ holiday to give thanks to God. There are two versions of the origins of this holiday. One is thanks for the early (3) ____ arriving in America safely. On December the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived at a place called Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group made a promise that the day of their (4) ____ should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second version is the thanks given to Native Americans for teaching the pilgrims how to (5) ____ eels and grow corn in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt (6) ____ Thanksgiving a federal holiday.

The (7) ____ event of any Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. This is usually accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, (8) ____ vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is the most commonly (9) ____ dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend vacation for most schools and colleges, and (10) ____ businesses and government workers get three or four days off. Thanksgiving is also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to (11) _____. Once Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their (12) _____ with Christmas goods. It is also a bad time to be a turkey.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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| 1. | (a) called | (b) calling | (c) calls | (d) call |
| 2. | (a) religion | (b) religious | (c) religiously | (d) religions |
| 3. | (a) settlers | (b) settles | (c) settled | (d) settlement |
| 4. | (a) arrives | (b) arrived | (c) arrival | (d) arrival |
| 5. | (a) caught | (b) catches | (c) catch | (d) catching |
| 6. | (a) took | (b) made | (c) did | (d) had |
| 7. | (a) main | (b) mainly | (c) mainline | (d) mains |
| 8. | (a) fell | (b) falling | (c) fall | (d) fallen |
| 9. | (a) eating | (b) eats | (c) ate | (d) eaten |
| 10. | (a) most | (b) many | (c) much | (d) more |
| 11. | (a) beginning | (b) begins | (c) begin | (d) began |
| 12. | (a) elves | (b) delves | (c) halves | (d) shelves |