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THE STORY NEVER TOLD ABOUT THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in some countries of the world. They celebrate on this day to give thanks for the food and the good fortune of being able to share with people around them.



The story began in the seventeenth century when pilgrims sailed from England to America in a boat called the Mayflower. They came to a place called Plymouth, currently in the state of Massachusetts.



The natives, Indians, who lived there welcomed them with open arms and invited the pilgrims to live with them, sharing their wisdom and customs. That year, the pilgrims survived a very hard winter, full of snow and adverse conditions. Despite that, they had an abundant harvest since they had learned to hunt, plant, harvest, save, and store food. All thanks to what their friends, the Indians, had taught them.

They decided to prepare a big feast to thank the native Indians for the help they had received at the beginning of their lives in that distant land called America.

The dinner had many diverse dishes. Some of the foods they served at the celebration were meats from pigs, hens, turkeys, chickens, fruits, vegetables, such as corn and beans. They had a rich and bountiful feast with their friends.



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Currently, the main dishes consumed on Thanksgiving are roasted or baked turkey, with potato garnish, green beans, cranberry sauce, corn, muffins, and pumpkin pie. The varieties of food served depend a lot on each family and each region.



Remember that the most important thing about this celebration is to be with the people you love most, share a delicious meal with them, and spend precious time with them. Sometimes the simplest things are not valued very much.

One of the Thanksgiving days I will always remember is the day we invited our neighbors to dinner at our house. They were new in the neighborhood and did not know our customs or culture very well. They came from a country on the other side of the world and had never celebrated Thanksgiving before.



It was interesting how they joined in our celebration, and we could enjoy it together.



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Answer the questions.

1. Have you ever celebrated Thanksgiving? If the answer is no, would you like to celebrate it sometime?

2. What would you like to do on Thanksgiving?

3. What would you cook on Thanksgiving? With whom?

4. Who would you like to spend Thanksgiving with?

5. How would you dress for a celebration like Thanksgiving?

