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10. January 11 – International Thank You Day

## Thank You Town



The citizens of Cedar City were very excited because their quiet, little town had made national news. It all started with a simple fifth-grade class project. Mrs. Ford had been noticing how frequently that her students spoke rudely to each other, forgot their manners, and didn't say please or thank you. She proposed an experiment.

For one full month, each student was asked to say thank you and show appreciation for everything they received and for everything that someone did for them, no matter how small and not only at school but also in their homes, their neighborhoods, and the community. At the end of the month, the students would report their experiences to the class.

The attitude of gratitude turned out to be contagious, and soon many of the townspeople were noticing a positive change. Folks seemed friendlier. They laughed more, greeted each other with a smile, and held doors open for each other. People said the words please and thank you in abundance all over town.



A local newspaper editor decided to submit the story of their experiment to a national news network. He called it "Cedar City Becomes Thank You Town." The network news loved the story and gave it a national headline. It was a pretty exciting outcome to a simple class project.

January 11th is International Thank You Day. You should start your own little "thank you" experiment and see if you can make a difference, too.



1. Citizens of Cedar City were excited because they made \_\_\_\_\_ news.  
(world      local      national)
2. The excitement started with a \_\_\_\_\_ grade class project.  
(third              fifth              tenth)
3. Mrs. Ford noticed her students were rude and forgot their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(manners      names      homework)
4. Her class project seemed to make the whole town \_\_\_\_\_.  
(angrier      meaner      friendlier)
5. January 11th is International \_\_\_\_\_ Day.  
(Pizza              Party              Thank You)