

# The First

# Thanksgiving

## 1 Read and underline.

In 1620, settlers went to America from England. They **1) travelled/left** England on a ship called the *Mayflower*. When the settlers arrived in America, it was very cold and they had trouble **2) finding/buying** food because they didn't know the land. Many of them **3) got/went** sick and died. It was a very difficult time for them. The Native Americans visited the settlers. They were very friendly and they taught them how to hunt and **4) plant/cook** corn. After that, the settlers started a new life in America. They built houses and hunted wild **5) chickens/turkeys**.



The first Thanksgiving was in the **6) autumn/winter** of 1621. The settlers wanted to 'give thanks' to the Native Americans who helped them. They invited the Native Americans to a big **7) feast/festival** which lasted for three days. They ate turkey, pumpkin, beans, corn and fruit. They also had athletic **8) performances/competitions!**

Today, people in the USA celebrate Thanksgiving on the **9) fourteenth/fourth** Thursday of November and have a big meal. Thanksgiving dinner includes roast turkey, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie! Families and friends get together to **10) celebrate/admire** and give thanks for all the good things in their lives!

## 2 Read again and answer the questions.

- 1 How did the settlers travel to America?
- 2 What was it like when the settlers first arrived?
- 3 Who helped the settlers?
- 4 How did the settlers thank them?
- 5 When do people celebrate Thanksgiving in the USA today?
- 6 What do people usually eat on Thanksgiving Day?