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Thanksgiving





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September













Fourth Thursday in November: Thanksgiving



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Thanksgiving is an annual feast when people gather together with family and friends. This day is celebrated to commemorate the coming together of the pilgrims and the Native Americans. The first ever thanksgiving took place in 1621 and the celebration lasted for 3 days.

THANKSGIVING

VOCABULARY



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Read and match



wheat

pumpkin

turkey

cookies

ice cream

cranberries

cornucopia

apple

potatoes

roll

pie

marshmallows



Animals of



North America



The **opossum** is the only marsupial native to the United States. They are related to marsupials found in Australia like the koala and kangaroo. Opossum babies use their paws to cling to their mother's belly.



A **tortoise** is a reptile which lives on land and doesn't swim. They move very slowly, and when in danger they go into their hard shell. Tortoises are herbivores and eat grasses, weeds, leafy greens, flowers, and some fruits.



North America has a number of populations of 'wild' **horses** such as mustangs. Horses live in groups called a 'herd'. Horses are not native to North America but were brought over by settlers.



Leopard frogs are not picky eaters and will eat most things that they can fit in their mouths. This includes ants, flies, beetles, worms, smaller frogs and even birds, and small snakes.



Wild boars like the horse is not native to North America but were introduced in the 18th century. Boars are seen as a problem in the areas they live today as they destroy and eat crops.

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Animal profile:





Turkey



Height:

3.8 to 7.5 inches body4 ft to 4 ft 9 inches wingspan9.6 to 19.9 inches tail length

Weight:

11 - 24 lbs

Diet:

Turkeys forage on the ground or climb shrubs and small trees to feed. They prefer eating nuts and berries, but can eat small lizards too.

Class: Aves

Order: Galliformes

Family: Phasianidae

Genus: Meleagris

Species: M. gallopavo

Turkeys are known to have a big fanlike tail, but in fact only male turkeys have this big group of feathers at the back.

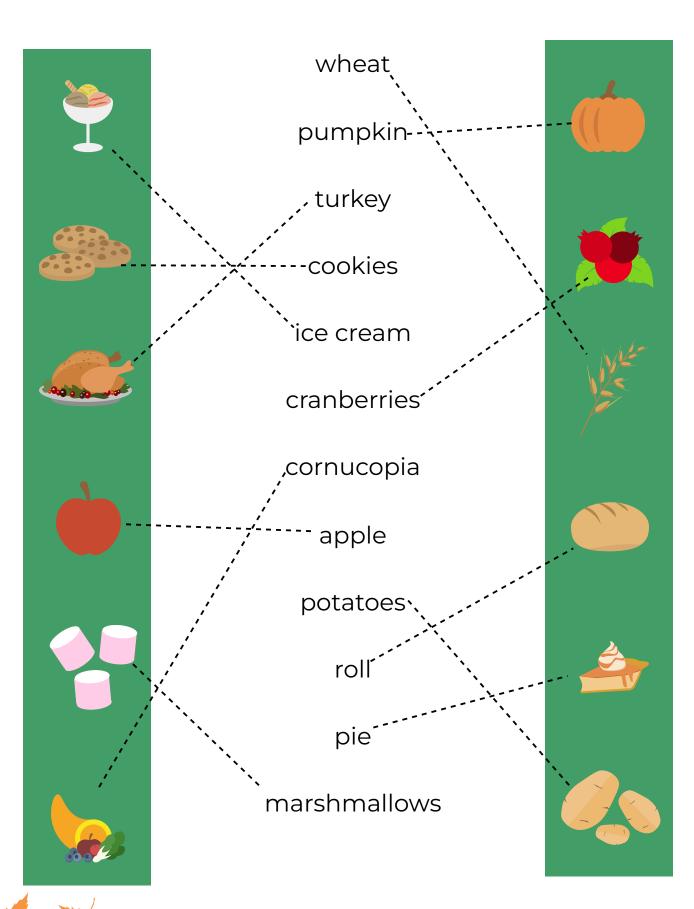
They are also quite loud when they gobble and can be heard up to a mile away.



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Solution





NEXT MONTH







Christmas

Do you celebrate Christmas? Learn about how people in North America spend Christmas, the traditions, decorations and the exchanging of gifts.













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