

Тема "День Благодарения"/ "THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING"

Фильмы для обсуждения:

Thanking a Thousand People for a Single Cup of Coffee

365grateful



Мероприятие ко Дню Благодарения проводится в конце ноября как приобщение к культурной традиции одной из стран изучаемого языка США, с целью развития речевой и социокультурной компетенции, повышения интереса к изучению английского языка и расширения кругозора учащихся. Данное мероприятие рекомендуется проводить в 9-11 классах.

В ходе мероприятия учащиеся узнают о Дне благодарения, обсуждают важность благодарности и поделятся своим опытом благодарности. Они будут развивать навыки говорения, чтения и восприятия на слух.



CINEMA CLUB SESSION "THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING"

In this lesson, students will learn about Thanksgiving, discuss the importance of gratitude and share their experiences of giving thanks. They will practice speaking, reading and listening.

Age: teenagers

Level: B1

Time: 60 + mins

Warm-up (Activity 1) 5-7 mins

Aims: to break the ice and foster a safe environment for learning.

Procedure: I'm Thankful For - Make a list of various nouns (e.g., food, songs, places, people) and go around asking each person something they're thankful for that falls in that category.

Lead-in (Activity 2) 5 mins

Aims: to activate SS' schemata.

Task 1: Look at the picture. Which American holiday does it show?

Procedure: Ask the students to look at the picture and say what holiday it shows (**Key:** Thanksgiving).



Reading an article. (Activity 3) 20 mins

Aims: to practise reading for gist.

Task: Work in mini groups. Partner A: read the text 'How do you celebrate Thanksgiving'. Partner B: read the text 'What's for dinner?'

Then tell your partners the most interesting facts that you've found out about Thanksgiving.

Procedure: Put the students in 2 groups. Each student reads their own part and chooses 4-5 interesting facts.

3. Speaking. (Activity 4) 10 mins

Aims: to practise speaking for fluency and engage SS by organizing a competition.

Task: True or false? Do a quiz with your partner. Which pair can give more correct answers?

Procedure: SS discuss in pairs if the statements are true or false. OR they can take this fun test and find out how much you know about this celebration.

<https://skyteach.ru/2020/11/20/thanksgiving-holiday-test/>

Key:

1. *Canadians celebrate their own Thanksgiving every November. F (on the second Monday of October)*
2. *Abraham Lincoln declared a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863. T*
3. *The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held in 1824. F (1924)*
4. *Around 16 million turkeys were eaten in the US on Thanksgiving in 2010. That's around one fifth of all the turkeys eaten for the entire year. F (around 46 million turkeys)*

5. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird instead of the bald eagle. T
6. Around 88 percent of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving. T
7. The day before Thanksgiving is called Black Friday. It is the biggest shopping day of the year. F (after)
8. A more recent Thanksgiving tradition is the U.S. President killing a turkey in public. F (the U.S. President pardoning a turkey -- or saving it from being killed).

Discussion (Activity 5) 8 mins

Aim: to provide students with free speaking practice.

Task: Discuss with your partner:

1. Why do you think people continue to celebrate Thanksgiving Day in the 21st century?
2. What does gratitude mean to you and why is it important to express it?

Thanking a thousand people for a cup of coffee (Activity 6) 10 mins

Aim: to provide students with listening practice.

Task: Do you agree with the quote: "To give thanks in solitude is enough. Thanksgiving has wings and goes where it must go. Your prayer knows much more about it than you do." Or should we always express our gratitude directly to the people who deserve it?

Watch a video about a man who personally thanked a thousand people for his cup of coffee and answer the questions:

Procedure: First, students discuss the quote: "To give thanks in solitude is enough. Thanksgiving has wings and goes where it must go. Your prayer knows much more about it than you do". Then they watch the video and answer the questions.

Play the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTN61bC5C5A>

Keys:

1. Why did the man start giving thanks during dinner?
He was often grumpy and complained a lot so he decided to make a change.
2. What did his son tell him about giving thanks?
Many of the people who were involved in making his meal couldn't hear his thanks.
3. What did the man decide to do?
He set out to thank every single person who had even the smallest role in his morning cup of coffee.
4. Why did the man travel outside the country to offer his thanks?
Whenever I thanked one person, they would say, "Well, I couldn't do my job "without this person." So one person led to another, led to another, led to another. Whenever I thanked one person, they would say, "Well, I couldn't do my job "without this person." So one person led to another, led to another, led to another.

5. What people did he thank? (list at least 5)

His local barista, the roaster, and the coffee shop sourcer, people who provide electricity to the coffee shop, the engineers who provide the water, the people who make the steel, the farmer and the importer, the truck driver, the person who paved the road, even the woman who painted the yellow lines in the road.

6. How did the man benefit from this experience?

The experience has made him grateful for the hundreds of things that go right every day.

365 Grateful (Activity 8) 10+ mins

Aim: to provide students with listening practice.

Task: We are going to watch a short film titled 365 Grateful. What do you think the film will be about and what images you will see?

Procedure:

- The first time you show the film ask the learners to see if their predictions were accurate. Show the film. Link: <https://vimeo.com/22100389>
- Tell the students you are going to show the film a second time. This time they should try to answer the five questions. Play the film.

Questions:

1. How as Hailey feeling before she started the project?
2. What advice did a nun give to Hailey?
3. Why did Hailey start the project?
4. What has the project taught Hailey?
5. How does Hailey now see nature?

Hold a plenary discussion based on these questions:

1. Why do you think Hailey seems so much happier now than before the project?
 2. How does the film make you feel?
 3. Do you like the project?
- Tell the students you would like them to consider doing a project, but that there is no obligation; they should only do it if they want to. They should consider doing the project which most appeals to them. Suggest doing one of the following projects:
 - Write one sentence a day during a month about something you feel grateful for.
 - Take one photo a day during a month of something you feel grateful for. You should also write a sentence saying why you feel grateful.
 - Take a one-second video using your mobile phone a day during a month of something you feel grateful for. You should also write a sentence saying why you feel grateful.

Cool down (Activity 9) 5 mins

Aims: to effectively wrap things up in a way that will benefit your students' learning.

Task: Name 1 thing / 1 reason to be grateful for this meeting

Procedure: Hand out strips of paper to each student. They write 1 thing / 1 reason to be grateful for this meeting

Text A: How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

Let's fast forward a few centuries to modern-day Thanksgiving. Here's a Thanksgiving day timeline:

9 - 10:00am | Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Turn on the live stream or find your spot on the street as you watch giant helium balloons, floats, and marching bands parade through the streets of New York City.

10:00am - 12:00pm | Go to the store

Thanksgiving, like most holidays in the US, is either a day off or short day for employees. Luckily, grocery stores are usually open for the first half of the day, so make sure you get to the store early to pick up all the ingredients you'll need to start cooking.

12 - 1:00 pm | Watch the presidential turkey pardon

Yep, you read that right, beginning in the mid-20th century, the President of the United States has "pardoned" one or two Thanksgiving turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter.

All day | Watch American football

Thanksgiving day football games are an essential part of the American Thanksgiving experience. It is a great chance to cheer for your favorite team and a good distraction from the fact that you're probably not eating lunch. After all, you're going to need to be HUNGRY once dinner time rolls around.

All day | Cook, cook, cook

Preparing a proper Thanksgiving meal can take hours, sometimes even days, depending on what dishes you're preparing and how many people you're serving. Just the turkey alone takes at least 20 minutes for every pound, adding up to nearly five hours in the oven for the biggest birds.

6 - 10:00pm | Eat more than you thought was humanly possible

It's probably not surprising that there's an American holiday based solely around eating, but it might be surprising how much eating you can actually do if you put your mind to it.

Text B: What's for Thanksgiving dinner?

Turkey

For most non-vegetarian households, the turkey takes front and center at the Thanksgiving feast. Whether it's roasted, smoked, brined, or fried, achieving that perfect blend of crackled outer skin and moist inner meat is an art.

Stuffing

Before you even put the turkey in the oven, you have to stuff it with cornbread, onions, celery, and dried cranberries. After hours cooking in the cavity of the turkey, the "stuffing" comes out delightfully moist and meaty with sweet undertones.

Cranberry sauce

Tart and sweet, cranberry sauce acts like Indian chutney to bring out the savory, juicy flavor of the turkey. Avoid the canned variety with this easy recipe from our Thanksgiving for beginners guide.

Gravy

Once you've removed the turkey from the oven, it's gravy time. Made from the drippings on the bottom of the pan, turkey gravy is a meaty sauce that can be applied liberally across nearly every part of the Thanksgiving meal.

Mashed potatoes

Where else would you put that gravy? Smothered in the meaty gravy sauce, mashed potatoes are maybe the most delicious (and filling) dish on the Thanksgiving dinner menu.

Pumpkin pie

Seasonal, sweet, and satisfying, homemade pumpkin pie is the quintessential Thanksgiving dessert. But after going back for seconds or even thirds of turkey and 'taters, it may be the most difficult dish for you to finish. But don't worry! If you don't finish on the night of, there's always breakfast on Friday. Speaking of leftovers, the Thanksgiving feast doesn't end on Thursday night. With so much food, you'll be eating turkey sandwiches, burritos, and casseroles for the rest of the weekend.