

The First Thanksgiving Vocabulary Quiz

First, explore The First Thanksgiving online activity. Then test your knowledge of First Thanksgiving vocabulary with this quiz.

Directions: Choose the definition that matches the bold word in each sentence.

1. The Pilgrims took an **epic** journey across the Atlantic Ocean to a new world.
 - a) short and quick
 - b) fun and enjoyable
 - c) grand and impressive
2. The **helmsman** held a very important job aboard the *Mayflower*.
 - a) a person who charts the ship's course
 - b) a person who prepares all the meals
 - c) a person who steers the ship
3. The Pilgrims had a **perilous** first winter at Plimoth.
 - a) risky or hazardous
 - b) safe and trouble-free
 - c) dull and unexciting
 - d) delightful and easy
4. The Pilgrims lived in homes modeled after English cottages with roofs made of **thatch**.
 - a) dried clay
 - b) wood shingles
 - c) straw, palm leaves, or other dried plant material
5. Without **timber**, the Pilgrims would not have been able to build their homes.
 - a) clay found beneath the ground
 - b) leaves that are woven together
 - c) trees that are used as wood
6. Plimoth was protected by a **palisade**, which surrounded the village.
 - a) a tall strong fence of pointed stakes
 - b) a brick wall
 - c) a line of men armed with bows and arrows
7. The Wampanoag lived in **wetus**, which were very different from the Pilgrims' homes.
 - a) houses made of mud and clay
 - b) houses made of timbers with steep pitched roofs
 - c) domed huts made from bent saplings covered with woven grass or bark

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8. Petticoats, **breeches**, doublets, and stockings were just a few of the many layers of clothing the Pilgrims wore.
 - a) pants that reach to or just below the knee
 - b) a pair of leather boots
 - c) a long jacket

9. Other than traveling by foot, the Wampanoag used a **mishoon** to get from one place to another.
 - a) a sled pulled by dogs
 - b) a horse
 - c) a canoe made by digging out a log

10. In the summer, the Wampanoag **migrated** to cleared areas where they could plant crops.
 - a) roamed
 - b) moved location
 - c) stayed where they were

11. When the Wampanoag made arrows, **fletching** was the hardest step of the process.
 - a) attaching feathers to the end of the arrow's shaft
 - b) sharpening the blade
 - c) cutting the arrow to the size needed

12. During the First Thanksgiving celebration, both the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag ate **venison**, among many other delicious foods.
 - a) a vegetable grow under the ground
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All Answers: 1. c), 2. c), 3. a), 4. c), 5. c), 6. a), 7. c), 8. a), 9. c), 10. b), 11. a), 12. b)