The First Thanksgiving Vocabulary Quiz

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

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4. The Pilgrims lived in homes modeled after English cottages with roofs made of **thatch**.
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    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
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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)