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What Do You Know About Thanksgiving?

There were no kids at the first Thanksgiving. **T/F**

FALSE: Of the 50 Pilgrims who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621, almost half were kids!

The first Thanksgiving was a harvest festival, and wasn't actually called Thanksgiving. It was called Harvest Home. **T/F**

TRUE: The phrase "Thanksgiving Day" was first used officially after President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November a national holiday in 1863.

At the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims and Indians sat together on stools and tree stumps at makeshift tables—or on the ground—in the middle of their only trail. **T/F**

TRUE: The Pilgrims didn't bring furniture with them, and they had been so busy trying to survive that they hadn't had time to make any yet!

The Pilgrims invited 90 Indians to their feast. **T/F**

FALSE: The Pilgrims invited the Indians, but they didn't expect 90 people to show up to their feast! However, they were happy to have them. The Indians stayed for three days, hunting to provide more food for the feast.

At the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims and Indians ate eels. **T/F**

TRUE: The Pilgrims ate seafood at their feast, because they lived by the sea.

They ate pumpkin pie for dessert. **T/F**

FALSE: For dessert, they had a pudding called frumenty, which was made of wheat, barley, or corn, and fruit and spices.

Pumpkins were plentiful in Plymouth. **T/F**

TRUE: Though the Pilgrims may not have eaten pumpkin pie at the very first Thanksgiving, they soon had more pumpkins than they wanted, according to one Pilgrim ballad: "We have pumpkin at morning and pumpkin at noon; If it were not for pumpkin, we should be soon undone."

There was no cranberry sauce at the first Thanksgiving. **T/F**

TRUE: Although there were cranberries all over Plymouth, the Pilgrims didn't know how to sweeten them! Later, they figured out how to make sauces and jams with cranberries.

Pilgrims wore all black. **T/F**

FALSE: Pilgrims actually liked colors, and wore very colorful clothes.