

Top 50 Thanksgiving Trivia Questions

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The Basics

1. When was the first Thanksgiving celebration? _____
2. Who attended the first Thanksgiving feast? _____
3. How long did the first Thanksgiving last? _____
4. Where was the first Thanksgiving held? _____
5. What was the first Thanksgiving feast mainly composed of?

6. What is the date of Thanksgiving in the United States? _____
7. Which president declared Thanksgiving a national holiday?

8. Which president first pardoned a turkey? _____
9. What year did Congress make Thanksgiving a national holiday?

10. Which U.S. state was the first to adopt Thanksgiving as an annual holiday?

11. What is the most commonly served main dish at Thanksgiving?

12. When was the first collegiate Thanksgiving football game played?

Surprising Facts

13. What Thanksgiving vegetable was grown in space? _____
14. Which state raises the most turkeys? _____
15. What is the busiest day of the year for plumbers? _____
16. How much did the world's biggest pumpkin pie weigh? _____
17. What food did the colonists and Native Americans NOT have at the first Thanksgiving?

18. Which U.S. state consumes the most turkey on Thanksgiving?

19. What popular Thanksgiving dish was created by the Campbell Soup Company?

20. How many turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving in the United States?

21. What inspired the creation of frozen TV dinners? _____
22. Which country celebrates a version of Thanksgiving in October?

23. What percentage of Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to the actual meal?

Macy's Parade

24. When did the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade start? _____
25. What was featured in the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

26. Who was the first video-game character in the Macy's Parade?

27. How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route?

28. What balloon character has appeared most often in the Macy's Parade?

29. How many balloons are typically in the Macy's Parade each year?

30. What year did the Macy's Parade first broadcast on television?

31. Which store hosts the famous Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City?

32. What was the first character balloon in the Macy's Parade?

33. Which beloved character debuted in the parade as an astronaut in 1972?

Unusual Traditions

34. What town canceled Thanksgiving because they couldn't make pumpkin pies?

35. What's the only area in Australia to celebrate Thanksgiving?

36. What unusual pet did President Calvin Coolidge receive for Thanksgiving?

37. Why do some Americans eat "tofurkey" on Thanksgiving?

38. What is "Blackout Wednesday"? _____

39. Which U.S. city is famous for its Turkey Trot races? _____

40. What unique event does the White House host every Thanksgiving?

41. What do children in Japan do on Labor Thanksgiving Day?

42. Which Caribbean country celebrates a version of Thanksgiving?

43. Where does the U.S. president "pardon" a turkey? _____

Around the World

44. When is Canadian Thanksgiving celebrated? _____

45. What is Chuseok? _____

46. What is the focus of Thanksgiving in Liberia? _____

47. What European country celebrates a harvest festival similar to Thanksgiving?

48. What is Erntedankfest? _____

49. Which African country celebrates Homowo, a festival of thanksgiving?

50. Why do people on Norfolk Island celebrate Thanksgiving?

51. Which Asian country celebrates a harvest festival called Pongal?

Answer Key

The Basics

1. 1621.
2. About 53 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans.
3. Three days.
4. Plymouth, Massachusetts.
5. Venison, fish, and vegetables.
6. The fourth Thursday in November.
7. Abraham Lincoln.
8. Ronald Reagan — George H. W. Bush made it an annual tradition.
9. 1941.
10. New York.
11. Turkey.
12. 1876, between Princeton and Yale.

Surprising Facts

13. Potatoes and sweet potatoes.
14. Minnesota.
15. Black Friday.
16. 3,699 pounds.
17. Turkey, cranberries, pies, and mashed potatoes.
18. California.
19. Green bean casserole.
20. Around 46 million.
21. An excess of leftover turkeys.
22. Canada.
23. 73%.

Macy's Parade

24. 1924.
25. Live animals from the Central Park Zoo, puppets, and floats.
26. Sonic the Hedgehog.
27. 2.5 miles.
28. Snoopy.
29. About 30.
30. 1948.
31. Macy's.
32. Felix the Cat.

33. Snoopy.

Unusual Traditions

34. Colchester, Connecticut, in 1705.

35. Norfolk Island.

36. A raccoon named Rebecca.

37. As a vegetarian or vegan alternative to turkey.

38. The night before Thanksgiving — a famously busy night for going out.

39. Dallas, Texas.

40. The Turkey Pardon.

41. Give handmade drawings to community workers.

42. Grenada.

43. The White House Rose Garden.

Around the World

44. The second Monday in October.

45. A Korean harvest festival — families gather, honor ancestors, and share food.

46. Gratitude for freedom and good harvests.

47. Germany.

48. A German harvest festival similar to Thanksgiving.

49. Ghana.

50. American whalers introduced it in the 19th century.

51. India.

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