

# The First Thanksgiving



**DIRECTIONS:** Lightly color the triangles to show where the commas should go.

1. The national holiday of Thanksgiving honors the first settlers<sup>L</sup> and their harvest<sup>A</sup> and is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November.
2. The pilgrims thought America was uninhabited<sup>N</sup> but the land was inhabited by many Native American tribes<sup>P</sup>.
3. These people knew the land well<sup>E</sup> for they had fished, hunted, planted and harvested food there<sup>F</sup> for thousands of generations.
4. A Native American named Squanto visited the settlers<sup>A</sup> and the settlers welcomed him<sup>O</sup>.
5. He helped them to grow corn<sup>R</sup> and taught them to bury fish with their seeds<sup>H</sup> for fertilizer.
6. The settlers<sup>S</sup> and the Native American people had several meetings<sup>O</sup> and then entered into an agreement to protect each other from other tribes.
7. When settlers went out to hunt<sup>R</sup> for a harvest celebration that fall the Native Americans heard the shots<sup>F</sup> and feared the settlers were preparing for war.

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8. But they soon realized they were only hunting for the harvest celebration<sup>C</sup> and the Native<sup>L</sup> Americans helped them in the hunt.

9. Then the settlers<sup>H</sup> and the Native Americans got together<sup>O</sup> and they all feasted for three days.

10. At the first Thanksgiving meal there was no turkey<sup>R</sup> but deer, corn, shellfish<sup>L</sup> and roasted meat were served.

11. They played ball games<sup>N</sup> and they also sang<sup>E</sup> and danced.

**A Riddle:** *You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?* Write each colored letter or punctuation mark in order on the lines below to solve the riddle.

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