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 and their harvest and is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

2. The pilgrims thought America was uninhabited but the land was inhabited by many Native American tribes.

3. These people knew the land well for they had fished, hunted, planted and harvested food there for thousands of generations.

4. A Native American named Squanto visited the settlers and the settlers welcomed him.

5. He helped them to grow corn and taught them to bury fish with their seeds for fertilizer.

6. The settlers and the Native American people had several meetings and then entered into an agreement to protect each other from other tribes.

7. When settlers went out to hunt for a harvest celebration that fall the Native Americans heard the shots and feared the settlers were preparing for war.
8. But they soon realized they were only hunting for the harvest celebration and the Native Americans helped them in the hunt.

9. Then the settlers and the Native Americans got together and they all feasted for three days.

10. At the first Thanksgiving meal there was no turkey but deer, corn, shellfish and roasted meat were served.

11. They played ball games and they also sang 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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