## Thanksgiving Dinner

Six cousins sit down at the table for their annual Thanksgiving feast. Each child has a favorite Thanksgiving food. Match each child with his/her favorite Thanksgiving food.

## Clues:

1. The identical male twins do not like anything sweet.
2. The children whose names begin with the same letter do not consider meat their favorite food.
3. The oldest child prefers a "fowl" odor in the kitchen.
4. The twins are younger than Laura, who is not the eldest.
5. The youngest child loves dessert best.
6. Jeff is a clown at Thanksgiving dinner, and the others have nicknamed him after his favorite food.
7. Tara is neither the eldest nor the youngest; and she doesn't like sweets, meat, or dressing.


Favorite Food

|  | \% | \%/3 | $\frac{0}{0} / 3 /$ | $q_{/ 8 / 0}$ | $\varepsilon_{/ \pi / 2}$ | $\frac{0}{0 / 2} /{ }_{s}^{d x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jeff |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tara |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Susie |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lynne |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Laura |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kyle |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Creating a Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day has not always been a holiday. Certain people initiated certain times to establish such a day, but the day has changed over the years. Use the following clues to help you decide which people initiated a certain day to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

## Clues:

1. The 16 th president of the United States first declared the last Thursday of November as an official day, saying it was "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."
2. The editor of Godey's Lady's Book promoted the idea of a National Thanksgiving Day. Her ideas influenced the president mentioned above.
3. The president who was a victim of polio and the initiator of the New Deal established the next-tolast Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. This helped businesses by lengthening the shopping period before Christmas.
4. The president with wooden teeth did not establish the fourth Thursday nor the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.
5. The legislative branch of the government declared Thanksgiving a legal federal holiday on the


Event

Date

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| Lincoln |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sarah Hale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Congress |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Washington |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roosevelt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## A Thanksgiving Feast

Eight people are gathered around the dining room table at Ralph and Mary Johnson's house for a Thanksgiving feast. Read the clues below and determine the name of the person sitting at each place and his/her favorite food.

|  | Guest List |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| Angie |  |
| Ann | Johnny |
| Bill |  |
| Jeffrey |  |


| Food List |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| corn | pie |
| dressing | potatoes |
| green beans | rolls |
| ham | turkey |

1. Ralph is at the head of the table, and he doesn't like corn.
2. No male sits beside another male.
3. Angie and Jeffrey are brother and sister; Johnny and Susie are also brother and sister. Each brother and sister pair sits side-by-side on the same side of the table.
4. The person who likes ham sits to Ralph's right at the table.
5. Bill's wife, Ann, sits to his left at the table. Ralph's wife loves dressing.
6. Susie sits to Bill's right and across from the person who loves green beans. Susie loves bread.
7. Jeffrey is a meat lover, and he can't wait for the turkey to be carved.
8. Two males love pie and corn, and they sit across the table from each other.


## Thanksgiving Activities

## Hink Pinks

Hink Pinks are pairs of rhyming words. Beside the clues below, the number of syllables in each word in the answer is shown in parentheses.

1. bird cry $(1,1)$ $\qquad$
2. pork jelly $(1,1)$ $\qquad$
3. purchase dessert $(1,1)$ $\qquad$
4. corn obsession $(1,1)$ $\qquad$

5. thin American colonist $(1,2)$ $\qquad$
6. colonists' ship's strength $(3,2)$ $\qquad$

## "Thanksgiving" Words

Use the letters in the word "Thanksgiving" to make words consisting of four or more letters each.
Place the words in the appropriate columns. Then add your total scores. (In each column, you may use the letters only as often as they appear in the word "Thanksgiving." For example, you may use two is and two $\boldsymbol{g}$ s but only one $\boldsymbol{a}$. Proper nouns are not allowed.)

| 4 letters <br> (1 point) | 5 letters <br> (2 points) | 6 letters <br> (3 points) | $7+$ letters <br> (4 points) |
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## Thanksgiving Activities

## Quotation Puzzle

Decode this quotation. The letters in column one will be placed in the blank squares in column one. The letters in column two will be placed in the blank squares in column two, etc. Words are separated by black boxes. It is easy to decode the quotation by first determining the short words (one to three letters), then the longer words. As letters are used, mark through them at the top so that the remaining letters will make it easier to decode the rest of the quotation.

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## The Cost of Thanksgiving Dinner

Bill and Betty Thompson are hosting Thanksgiving dinner at their house this year. Consider the following information, and answer the questions about the cost and amount of food they will need in preparation for Thanksgiving dinner.

Eight adults and ten children will be present at the dinner. If every adult eats $1 / 5$ of a pound of turkey, and every child eats $1 / 10$ of a pound of turkey ...

1. What is the least amount of turkey the Thompson's will need to feed everyone? $\qquad$
2. If the turkey costs $\$ 1.25$ per pound, what is the least amount of money the turkey will cost to feed the Thompson family?
3. Betty Thompson has a recipe for a cheese squash casserole that serves six people. Beside the ingredients below, write the amount of each ingredient she will need to feed her guests.

## Recipe for Six

- 6 cups sliced zucchini
- 2 beaten eggs
- $1 \frac{1}{3}$ cups sour cream
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 stiffly beaten egg whites
- $11 / 2$ cups shredded cheese
- 6 slices bacon
- 1 tablespoon butter
- $1 / 4$ cup dry bread crumbs


## Recipe for

$\qquad$

- $\qquad$ cups sliced zucchini
(a)
- 


(b)
$\bullet$ $\qquad$
(c)

- $\qquad$
(d)
$\bullet$ $\qquad$ cups shredded cheese


## (f)

- $\qquad$ slices bacon
(g)
$\bullet$ $\qquad$ tablespoons butter
(h)
- $\qquad$ cups dry bread crumbs
(i)
- $\qquad$ stiffly beaten egg whites
(e)

4. The total cost of the Thanksgiving meal is $\$ 120$. The children are responsible for $48 \%$ of the total cost of the meal.
a. What is the total cost of the food for the children? $\qquad$
b. What is the cost for each individual child? $\qquad$
c. What is the total cost for the adults? $\qquad$
d. What is the cost for each individual adult? $\qquad$
e. The desserts account for $1 / 5$ of the total cost. How much do the desserts cost? $\qquad$

## Thanksgiving Word Search

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autumn
cornucopia
cranberry
family
feast
gourd
gratitude
ham
harvest
holiday
leaves
November
pie
pumpkin stuffing
Thanksgiving turkey yams

## Decode this Thanksgiving message!

Each letter below stands for a different letter in the alphabet. For starters, in this puzzle, every time you see the letter $\mathbf{M}$ you should write the letter $\mathbf{A}$ above it.

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\begin{aligned}
& \bar{Y} \bar{B} \bar{K} \bar{G} \quad \bar{A} \bar{M} \bar{G} \bar{Z} \quad \bar{M} \bar{A} \bar{K} \bar{V} \bar{R} \bar{I} \bar{M} \bar{G} \bar{O} \quad \bar{Q} \bar{M} \bar{C} \quad \bar{B} \bar{K} \bar{V} \\
& \bar{Y} \bar{R} \quad \bar{C} \quad \bar{B} \quad \bar{C} \quad \bar{B} \quad \bar{K} \quad \bar{R} \quad \bar{V} \quad \bar{N} \quad \bar{M} \quad \bar{A} \quad \bar{R} \quad \bar{F} \quad \bar{R} \quad \bar{K} \quad \bar{O} \quad \bar{M} \quad \bar{G} \quad \bar{E}
\end{aligned}
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## Answer Key

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## Hink Pinks

1. ghost boast
2. ghoul's tools
3. fat cat
4. fright night
5. bat's hat

## Hinky Pinkies

1. witch's britches
2. hobblin' goblin
3. vampire's campfire
4. mummy's rummy
5. bumpkin's pumpkins
6. dandy candy

## Hinkity Pinkities

1. skeleton gelatin
2. Dracula's scapulas
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Bobby-money; Bridget-chocolate; Pam— lollipop; Tyler-candy corn
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England-apples, bobbing for apples; Walesstones, predicting death; Ireland-jack-o'lanterns, begging for food; United Statespumpkins, trick-or-treating; Scotland-torches, driving away evil spirits
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3. 50 bat tongues

35 cat tails
375 goblin toenails
2. 500
3. 606
4. $300 ; 600 ; 600$
5. 500
6. South Swamp $=8$ hours;

North Swamp $=4$ hours

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clockwise, starting from the head of the table:
Dena, The Great Pumpkin; Sarah, Cinderella; Laura, vampire; Mark, Frankenstein; Sean, ghost; Philip, mummy
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Message: Salem, Massachusetts, is a town in America associated with witches.

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Jeff—ham; Tara—corn; Susie—turkey;
Lynne—pumpkin pie; Laura—sweet yams;
Kyle-dressing

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Lincoln—1st declared official day, last Thursday in November; Sarah Hale—promoted National Thanksgiving Day, National Thanksgiving; Congress-declared legal federal holiday, 4th Thursday in November; Washington-issued general proclamation, November 26th;
Roosevelt—helped business, next-to-last
Thursday in November

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clockwise, starting from the head of the table:
Ralph, pie; Mary, dressing; Johnny, potatoes; Susie, rolls; Bill, corn; Ann, green beans; Jeffrey, turkey; Angie, ham

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## Hink Pinks

1. fowl howl
2. maize craze
3. ham jam
4. slim Pilgrim
5. buy pie
6. Mayflower power

## "Thanksgiving" Words

Accept reasonable answers. Possibilities include the following:
4-letter words: ants, gain, gnat, hint, king, knit, sank, shag, shin, sing, sink, skin, skit, snag, tank, tans, task, thin, vast, etc.
5-letter words: aging, gains, giant, gnash, gnats, hints, kings, knits, shank, sting, stink, thank, thing, think, vista, visit, etc.

## Answer Key (cont.)

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6-letter words: giants, giving, hating, hiking, inking, saving, skiing, thanks, things, thinks, etc.
7-letter words: shaking, sinking, skating, staving, thanking, thinking, etc.

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Message: The first Thanksgiving took place over three days. The Pilgrims and the Indians celebrated together.
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1. $(1 / 5 \times 8)+(1 / 10 \times 10)=23 / 5$ pounds
2. $\$ 3.25$
3. a. 18 cups
f. 4.5 cups
b. 6 eggs
g. 18 slices
c. 4 cups
h. 3 tablespoons
d. 6 tablespoons
i. $3 / 4$ cup
e. 6 egg whites
4. a. $\$ 57.60$
d. $\$ 7.80$
b. $\$ 5.76$
e. $\$ 24.00$
c. $\$ 62.40$
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Message: Thanksgiving Day is a time when many Americans gather with their family and count their blessings.

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Santa Claus-orange juice, Blitzen; Mrs. Claushot tea, Donner; DePendent Claus-soda, Cupid; Mr. Frostbite-milk, Rudolph;
Mrs. Frostbite-hot chocolate, Comet

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Russia-S. Rozhdestvom Khristovym, spider web; Italy-Buon Natale, capitone; FranceJoyeux Noel, shoes; Norway-Gledelig Jul, Christmas pudding; Spain-Felices Pascuas, Jota
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from left to right: Richard, stereo; Sarah, skateboard; Tim, skates; Nick, sneakers; Ashli, baseball glove; Jeni, video game

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1. 36,525
2. 1 A.m. Christmas Day
3. a. 464
b. 468
c. 484
4. Cupid $=80 \mathrm{~m}$. p.h.; Rudolph $=240 \mathrm{~m}$. p.h.; Blitzen $=360$ m.p.h.
5. 2 years ago $=160 \mathrm{lbs} . ; 1$ year ago $=160 \mathrm{lbs} . ;$ this year $=240 \mathrm{lbs}$.
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Message: Christmas is an exciting time for childrena time filled with joy and excitement!
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Hink Pinks

1. Claus floss
2. jolly holly
3. thrift gift
4. carol apparel
5. free tree

## "Christmas" Words

Accept reasonable answers. Possibilities include the following:
3-letter words: act, air, arm, art, car, cat, ham, him, his, hat, hit, its, mat, ram, rat, rim, sat, sir, sit, etc.
4-letter words: cash, cart, cast, cats, chat, rams, rats, hair, harm, math, mass, mast, mist, mats, miss, char, star, stir, mash, trim, tram, mart, mach, etc.
5-letter words: amiss, march, masts, trams, trims, stars, match, hairs, charm, chars, chasm, chats, mirth, harms, etc.
6-letter words: smarts, charms, charts, chairs, chasms, starch, stairs, smirch, etc.

