

Read the text about typical Thanksgiving traditions. Some words are missing. Complete the text by writing one word for each gap (1–13) in the spaces provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



Celebrating Thanksgiving

Each year, Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. Most families follow traditions begun on the first Thanksgiving, (0) ___ many have their own traditions that they follow each year. Here are (1) ___ of the common traditions associated with "Turkey Day."

Travel

One of the best (2) ___ about Thanksgiving is spending time with family. Many people live far away (3) ___ family members and travel long distances by car, train, or plane to be with their loved ones. Thanksgiving is the busiest travel (4) ___ of the year!

The Feast

Traditional foods are a large (5) ___ of Thanksgiving celebrations. Many families include (6) ___ entire family in the food preparation. Traditional foods include turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Many people serve pie for dessert (7) ___ the end of the meal. Popular pie flavors are pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato, and apple.

Vegetarian Foods

Some families choose to serve vegetarian Thanksgiving dinners (8) ___ of a stuffed turkey. Some people eat vegetarian turkey, which is (9) ___ out of tofu. Others prefer to eat squash, salads, or other fruit and vegetable dishes.

The Wishbone

Some families include breaking the turkey's wishbone (10) ___ part of their celebration. The wishbone is found attached to the breast meat in the turkey's chest. After the meat has (11) ___ removed and the wishbone has had a chance to become dry and brittle, two people each take one end of the bone, make a wish, and pull. Whoever ends (12) ___ with the larger part of the bone gets their wish!

The Turkey Pardon

Each year at Thanksgiving, the President of the United States receives a gift of a live turkey (along with an alternate in case something happens to the official turkey). At a White House ceremony, the president traditionally "pardons" the National Thanksgiving Turkey and the alternate turkey, allowing them to live out the rest of their (13) ____ on a farm.

Helping Others

Many generous folks use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to help the less fortunate. Some people volunteer to serve food at homeless shelters on Thanksgiving Day and others donate to shelters or participate in canned food drives.

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