

UNIT 63

Thanksgiving Day



I. Express Yourself



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II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

labor

a. any organized procession or march

parade

b. piece of work; all wage-earning workers as a group; all manual workers whose work is characterized largely by physical exertion

kick off

c. occurring once every year

annual

d. (phrasal verb) begin

III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

Shigeru: Steve, I understand that next Thursday is a holiday called Thanksgiving. Can you tell me what it's about?

Steve: Sure, Shige. Thanksgiving is an **annual** one-day holiday to give things for the things one has at the end of the **harvest** season. It's always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.

Shigeru: We have a similar holiday called Labor Thanksgiving Day. It's to celebrate **labor** and **production**. We celebrate it on the 23rd of November.

Steve: I didn't know that. In our Thanksgiving, we have a lot of traditions, such as the food we prepare.

Shigeru: What kind of things do you eat?

Steve: Turkey is the main food. Cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie are also part of the holiday tradition.

Shigeru: ***That sounds delicious.*** Do you have a big party?

Steve: No, usually just families get together to celebrate that day. There is, however, a big **parade** every year in New York City to **kick off** the holiday season.

Shigeru: That sounds great. I'll try to go see it.

Steve: ***The one bad thing about*** Thanksgiving Day is that the traffic is terrible. Everyone's traveling to see their relatives, so there are many traffic jams.

Shigeru: That sounds like Japan. We have the same problem.

Steve: Also, the football games are on television so that's always fun. It's a tradition that the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions play each year.

Shigeru: It sounds like a really great holiday.



Key Points

That sounds delicious.

- That sounds appetizing.
- That sounds tasty.
- That sounds appealing.
- That sounds yummy.

The one bad thing about...

- The one unpleasant thing about...
- The one regretful thing about...
- The one drawback about...
- The only negative about...

IV. Role-play

Invite your co-worker for dinner on Thanksgiving.



Part 2

I. Introduction



Complete the sentence.

1. Last year, I was thankful for...
2. Last month, I was glad because...
3. Yesterday, I was happy because...
4. Today, I am thankful for...
5. Tomorrow, I will be grateful if...

II. Discussion

✚ Exercise A


What are you most thankful for?

Choose one and talk about it for 1 to 2 minutes.



✚ Exercise B

What do you think?

	<p>“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” – Oprah Winfrey</p>
	<p>“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” – William Arthur ward</p>
	<p>“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” - James Allen</p>
	<p>“Thanksgiving, to be truly thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.” – Anonymous</p>

 Exercise C

Role-play

Your co-worker is stressed at work. Since it is Thanksgiving Day, you want him to be happy. Motivate your co-worker by:

- giving some advice,
- offering some food or drinks,
- inviting him/her for dinner,
- making him/her realize that there are more things to be thankful for

