


51 Thanksgiving Holiday

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

<p>Such as?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like what? - For example? - For instance? 	
<p>This makes it easy for families to get together.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This makes it easy for families to gather. - This makes it easy for families to meet up. - This makes it easy for families to spend time together. 	

Key vocabulary

nice of	stand for	all about	catch up with
stuff with	swing by	good fortune	carve

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States. On this day in November, families and friends gather together and enjoy celebrating the blessings and favors of the past year.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
Such as?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What are the things you are thankful for today?
This makes it easy for families to get together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What activities do you usually do when you have a family gathering?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Glenn: Hey Junya, why don't you bring your family to our house for the Thanksgiving holiday this Thursday?

Junya: That's very nice of you. I'll check with my wife, but we should likely be able to join. What time shall we come over?

Glenn: Swing by at 1:00 p.m. We can watch NFL football and we'll start eating around 4:00 p.m.

Junya: Great, that sounds fun. What does this holiday stand for?

Glenn: Basically, it's to give thanks for good fortune as well as good harvests in the past. It's been celebrated for over 300 years. There are also specific traditions around Thanksgiving that are common to everyone.

Junya: Such as?

Glenn: Thanksgiving is all about the three F's: Family, Food, and Football. This is a national holiday and not a religious one, so most businesses are closed. This makes it easy for families to get together.

Putting aside working hard in the kitchen, the day is a lazy one that centers around catching up with family members, eating and watching football on TV.

The food is the most important part of the day. A big turkey is always carved, stuffed with breadcrumbs and served with side dishes such as cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a lot more – and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Junya: That sounds delicious. Can we bring anything?

Glenn: Just bring yourselves and come hungry.

Q & A:



- Is Thanksgiving celebrated in your country?
- Why do you think Thanksgiving is an important occasion for Americans?
- What kinds of food are prepared for Thanksgiving?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Thanksgiving party

Directions: Plan for the Thanksgiving Party you are throwing for your family and friends.



Venue	Food and drinks	Guests	Activities

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: What are you thankful for? Answer the questions below.

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- 1. Name three people you want to say "Thank you" to for something they have done for you.**
- 2. What's one thing about your job that you are thankful for?**
- 3. How do you show appreciation to strangers who have been helpful to you?**

C. Role-Play

Role-Play



Invite your friend to your house to celebrate Thanksgiving.
Ask him/her if he/she has any dietary restrictions
so you can prepare ahead.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.