



History of Thanksgiving – Ashley Prescod

October has passed and now November has too. Even still, we can talk about the history of a favorite American holiday; Thanksgiving!

A long time ago people from the United Kingdom came to start a new life in America. They were what we call settlers (開拓者). However, they were not used to the new land and had trouble farming. When winter came, they had not been able to grow enough food and were struggling. A Native American (ネイティブアメリカン) tribe called the Wampanoag tribe saw that the settlers were struggling. One of the Native Americans, who was named Squanto, could speak English and helped the settlers grow corn and tend the fields.

In March 1621, the settlers and the Wampanoag joined together as friends. To celebrate the harvest (収穫) that they had grown together they had a big feast (ごちそう) and a party that lasted three days! Because of this, we now celebrate Thanksgiving to appreciate those around us and to be thankful for what we have.

Thanksgiving at my house is always very loud. During Thanksgiving, many Americans get time off from school or work. It is a great time to invite the whole family over to party. Everyone makes something to eat and brings it to share. My mother and aunts are usually gossiping in the kitchen and my uncles are always arguing over a football game. But when the food is ready and hot, everyone stops and gets together to eat. Eating good food and being surrounded by the people you love is the best part of Thanksgiving!



P.S. –

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English Board by the teachers' room!**



What Are You Thankful For? – Katelyn Sondereker

This past Thursday (on the 28th) was Thanksgiving in America. It is one of our biggest holidays, so I thought I would tell you about some traditions we have! When people think about Thanksgiving, they usually think about two things: family and food.

On Thursday, families come together to cook a big meal that usually includes things like a whole roasted turkey (ローストターキー), mashed potatoes, stuffing, bread rolls, cranberry sauce, and various kinds of vegetables. One of my favorite memories is waking up super early on Thanksgiving morning to start cooking the turkey with my mom. For dessert, we usually eat pumpkin pie or pecan pie. It is a lot of food, but we have a lot of delicious leftovers (食べ残し) that we can eat for the next few days.

At dinner, we enjoy being together and talking. On TV, there are always two things to watch: the Macy's Thanksgiving parade and the Thanksgiving football game. Since I don't really like football, I always love watching the parade, which has lots of musical performances and giant floats (山車/だし) that go through the streets of New York City.

On this day, we also talk about the things that we are thankful for. In Japan, Thanksgiving can be kind of a difficult holiday for me because I am so far away from my family and friends. I can't just wake up in the morning and hug my family and cook with my mom. When you live abroad, there are many things you miss out on (逃す), which can be sad.

But even so, I have many things to be thankful for. I have made a home in another country, which was always a dream of mine. I have wonderful people in my life who I love, both here in Japan and at home. The culture and experiences I have had in Japan are amazing, but I am most thankful for the connections and relationships that I have built here.

Thinking about the good things in your life is a good exercise, not just on Thanksgiving. So, what are you thankful for?

Macy's Thanksgiving Parade!



A typical Thanksgiving meal.



Thankful for my friends in Japan!



Onomatopoeia (オノマトペ) Fun!

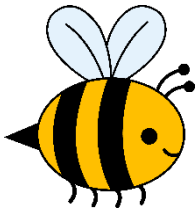
In Japanese, dogs usually say, “ワンワン”, but in English dogs say, “woof-woof” or “bow-wow”!

What are some other English onomatopoeias you know?

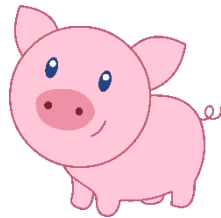
Can you match the onomatopoeia with the animal?

Come see us to check the answers!

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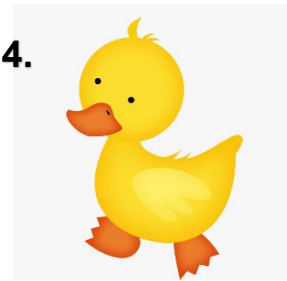
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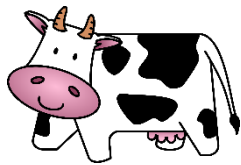
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b. baa-baa

c. meow

d. oink-oink

e. sssss

f. moo

g. buzz