

The Story of Thanksgiving

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____



In 1620, a group of people (1) _____ from England to America. There (2) _____ one hundred people on the ship. They (3) _____ to start a new life in America and practice their religion in freedom. They (4) _____ at a place on the north-east coast of America. They (5) _____ it Plymouth. They were far from their home, and life was hard. They (6) _____ little food and they (7) _____ little about their new home. Their first winter in America was very cold. Many of them (8) _____ ill and (9) _____. However, the Native Americans who (10) _____ there decided to help them. They (11) _____ the newcomers how to grow corn and other plants to eat, and they (12) _____ them medicine to treat their illnesses. They also showed their new friends how to hunt for food and how to build better houses. The newcomers (13) _____ hard and their crops (14) _____. By November 1621 all of them (15) _____ food and a home. To thank the Native Americans, the newcomers (16) _____ them to a special dinner to celebrate their friendship. This special dinner was the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving dinner (17) _____ for three days.

Tell the story of Thanksgiving.

Put the past simple verbs into the correct spaces.

invited (W)
called (R)
had (I)
taught (Y)
knew (M)
sailed (P)
were (I)
wanted (L)
became (S)
landed (G)
died (M)
lived (A)
worked (L)
had (W)
gave (F)
lasted (R)
grew (O)



Now write the letters over the numbers to find out more information about the people in the story.

The people who sailed from England to America were called the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The ship they sailed on was called the

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17