

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

C.O - Watch and listen to the video of the story of Thanksgiving and find the missing words. /20

Around **four** **hundred** years ago, many people in **England** were **unhappy** because their King would not let them pray to God as they liked. The King **said** they must use **the** **same** **prayers** than he **did**, and if they refused, they were persecuted, imprisoned, or even **killed**.

These English men **left** their homes and **went** far off to a country called **Holland**. In **Holland**, they were happy, but they were very **poor**. When the children **began** to **grow**, they **became** less Godlike and did not want to pray anymore. After much talking and **thinking**, these English people decided to embark on a pilgrimage to the **New World**: America.

They **sat** out a small **ship** called the Mayflower to take them across the sea. There were about one **one hundred** people onboard the tiny **ship**. It was **crowded**, **cold** and uncomfortable. The sea **was** rough. They were **2 months** sailing over the **Atlantic Ocean**. At last, the Mayflower **came** in sight of land.

The month **was** November, and it **was** cold. There was **nothing** to be seen but snow, rocks and hard bare ground. They were **tired** and cold from their long **journey**, and **hungry** too. No one **had** **enough** food to eat. Many of them **became sick** and by Spring time, almost **half of** the people **died**.

In **spring**, sun **shone** brightly. The snow **melted** and the leaves and flowers **began** to emerge. Some friendly Indians **had** visited the Pilgrims during the winter. One of the kind Indians **was** named Squanto. He stayed with the Pilgrims and **taught** them how to **plant** their corn, peas, wheat and barley.

The summer **came** and the days were **long** and bright. The Pilgrims' children were very happy at their new home, Plymouth Rock. When it **was** **autumn**, the fathers gathered the barley, wheat and corn that they **had** planted and found that it **had** grown so **well** that they would have quite enough for a long **winter** that **was** coming.

"Let us **thank** God for it all" they **said**. Then they decided to have a grand **Thanksgiving** party and **invite** the friendly Indians.

They prepared wild **ducks** and **geese**, and great wild **turkeys**. There **was** **deer** meat, **bread**, and cakes. They **had** **fish** and clams from the sea nearby. The friendly Indians all **came** with their Chief. They were **dressed** in deer skins and some of them **had** a ferret coat and a wild cat hanging on their arm. Their long black **hair** **fell** loose on their shoulders and **was** trimmed with feathers or **fox** tails.

Before they ate, the Pilgrims and the Indians thanked **God** together for all these goodness.

And so the **story** goes of the **first** Thanksgiving celebrated in Plymouth colony nearly four hundred years ago.

As you sit down with your **friends** and family this thanksgiving, **remember** this original **tale** and give **thanks** for all of God abandoned **blessings**.

What's the English for ? Use the words in **bold** characters from the text to find the translation into English.

Des oies : **geese**

bénédiction : **blessings**

renard : **fox**

biche/cerf : **deer**

un conte/histoire : **tale**

fondre : **melt**

remercier : **thank**

malheureux : **unhappy**

grandir /pousser : **grow**

prières : **prayers**

voyage/trajet : **journey**

bateau : **ship**

la moitié de : **half of**

bondé/plein de monde : **crowded**

In the text, underline all the irregular verbs in the past.