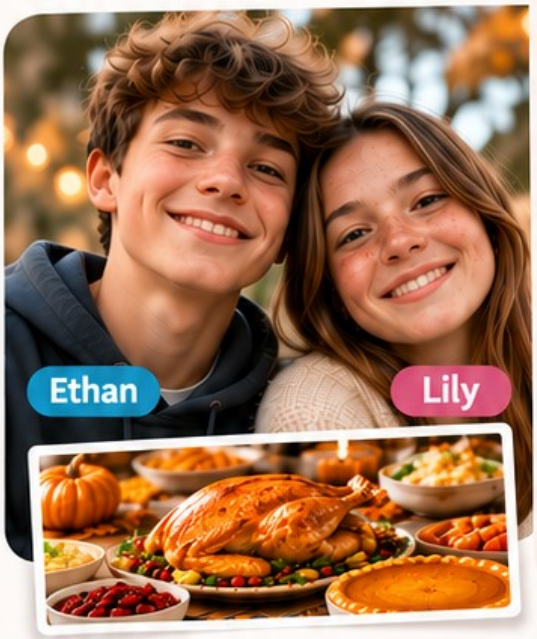
Thanksgiving

Reading comprehension – 6e (A2)

1 Read the dialogue.



Ethan: Hi! I'm Ethan, and this is my sister Lily. We live in Boston, in the United States.

Lily: Next week is Thanksgiving! It's a very special day in the USA. It's always on **the fourth Thursday of November.**

Ethan: And we are really happy because we have **four days off!** **We don't have school,** so we can spend more with with our family.

Lily: On Thanksgiving, we get together at our grandparents' house. My grandma cooks a roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables and corn. And of course, we have pumpkin pie for dessert! It's my favourite!

Ethan: Before the meal, we each say what we are thankful for. I'm thankful for my family, my friends and my school.

Lily: In the afternoon, we often watch an American football game on TV. And I also like watching the Thanksgiving parade in New York. There are giant balloons, music and dancers. It's great!

2 Check your understanding.

A About Thanksgiving.

Answer the questions about the holiday.

1 What is Thanksgiving?
- ☐ A national holiday in the USA.
- ☐ A school event.
- ☐ A birthday.

2 When is it?
- ☐ On the first Thursday of November.
- ☐ On the fourth Thursday of November.
- ☐ On the last Thursday of November.

3 Where do people celebrate it?
- ☐ At school.
- ☐ At home, with their family.
- ☐ In a restaurant.

4 How long is the holiday for Ethan and Lily?

☐ One day. ☐ Four days. ☐ One week.

5 What do people do at this time?
- ☐ They get together with their family.
- ☐ They go to the beach.
- ☐ They take tests at school.

VOCABULARY

Find in the text words that mean ...

1. une sœur : _____
2. habiter : _____
3. un jour spécial : _____
4. le quatrième : _____
5. des vacances : _____
6. se réunir : _____
7. le dessert : _____
8. avant : _____
9. un match : _____
10. un ballon géant : _____

B Ethan and Lily's habits.

True or false? Tick (✓) and justify with a word or a short phrase from the text.

		True	False
1	They live in Boston. _____	☐	☐
2	They don't have school during the holiday. _____	☐	☐
3	Their grandma cooks the meal. _____	☐	☐
4	They say what they are thankful for. _____	☐	☐
5	They watch a parade in New York. _____	☐	☐

C More about Ethan and Lily.

Answer the questions in English.

1. **Who** cooks the meal? _____
2. What is Lily's favourite dessert? _____
3. **How** many days off do Ethan and Lily have? _____
4. Why are they happy? _____