

Thanksgiving Anagrams

A Vocabulary Brain Teaser

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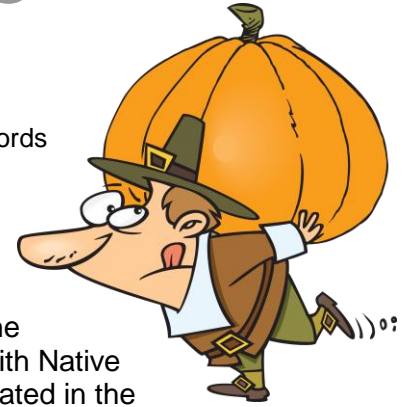
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Use the clues to rearrange the letters of the **bold print** anagrams to reveal words and phrases connected with Thanksgiving. Write your answers in the blanks to the left. Spelling counts!



_____ 1. **grim lips**

Rearrange *no smiles* and name the group that, along with Native Americans, participated in the first Thanksgiving.

_____ 2. **versatile**

Change *flexible* to the kinfolk who come together to celebrate Thanksgiving.

_____ 3. **Me no verb.**

Really, it's not about a verb. It's the name of the month that brings Thanksgiving.

_____ 4. **Mr. Sid Tuck**

Convert Sid's name to a popular part of the Thanksgiving turkey.

_____ 5. **Oh, me!**

Start with an exclamation and end with the place where everyone wants to be for the holidays.

_____ 6. **ear closes**

Unscramble *not listening* and reassemble into a special container for baking a mixture of ingredients such as green beans, cream of mushroom soup, and French fried onions.

_____ 7. **bow shine**

Regroup *glistening archery* so that it names the part of the turkey said to have the power to grant a wish to the person who walks away with the longest portion.

_____ 8. **prattle**

It's not really *idle chatter* at all, but rather the large oval plate that holds the turkey.

_____ 9. **Dear Pa**

Reconstruct a greeting to one's father to form a large public procession of a festive nature, usually held to celebrate a holiday or special event.

_____ 10. **beard**

Alter *facial hair* and regroup it as a food made of flour or meal mixed with milk or water and formed into a dough for baking.

_____ 11. **fir fact**

Begin with *evergreen statistics* and end with one of the things that travelers deal with on their way to visit with relatives.

_____ 12. **leafy worm**

Unscramble a *strange legless, creeping animal* and reassemble it as the name of the Pilgrim's famous ship.

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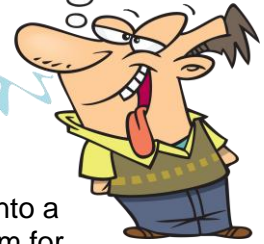
_____ 13. **d e s e r t s**

Show how *dry, sandy places* can also be a sweet treat, usually eaten at the end of a meal.



_____ 14. **t r e e s a w**

Modify a *cutting instrument* to name a garment suitable for chilly November weather.



_____ 15. **i d o l h a y**

Transform *worshiped fodder* into a time set aside by law or custom for celebratory festivities.

_____ 16. **n e a r e r c r i b s**

Reorder *close baby beds* and spell the name of a popular Thanksgiving fruit that is often served as a jelled sauce.

_____ 17. **i n k p a n**

Morph *writing liquid container* into a cloth or paper square for protecting clothing and wiping the lips and fingers during eating.

_____ 18. **a r a n c h
l i m b l o a n**

Fiddle with a *farm tree branch advance* and name the president who declared Thursday, November 16th, 1863, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise. (two words)

_____ 19. **f u n g i f t s**

Shuffle around *happy presents* and form the seasoned bread crumbs or other fillings baked inside a turkey.

_____ 20. **r e d i n n**

Shake up a *scarlet lodge* and shape the name of the main meal of the day, which is served midday or in the afternoon.

_____ 21. **t r u e f l a g**

Redesign *authentic banner* to create a deep appreciation for kindnesses or benefits received

_____ 22. **I c e i s l o u d.**

Ice is loud when it's being crunched, but when the letters are repositioned, they spell the word often used to describe a scrumptious meal.

_____ 23. **o w n s**

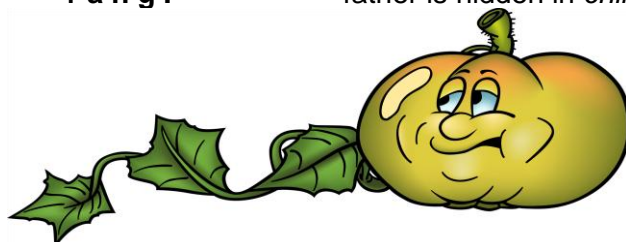
Take apart the possessive letters, slide them around, and create the name for the frozen precipitation that could be falling on Thanksgiving Day.

_____ 24. **v a r l e t**

Revamp a *rascal* and name the thing that a lot of people do in order to spend Thanksgiving with their families.

_____ 25. **R e d p a n t s
r a n g.**

Prove that the parents of one's mother and/or father is hidden in *chiming rosy trousers*.



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- _____ 1. **f e a t s**
- _____ 2. **m i n k p u p**
- _____ 3. **l c r e e p .**
- _____ 4. **b e a g l e v e s t**
- _____ 5. **t o t a l b e l c h**
- _____ 6. **a p i p e t t e**
- _____ 7. **O v e n i s t i l e .**
- _____ 8. **n o c a r s**
- _____ 9. **n e e d s t r i p**
- _____ 10. **l c u e u s o d d .**
- _____ 11. **u p i n s t a r**

Transform *great accomplishments* into a synonym for Thanksgiving dinner.

Rearrange a *baby weasel-like animal* and create the orange fruit famous for its ability to morph into tasty pies and scary jack-o-lanterns.

Translate *my sneaky nature* into a set of instructions for preparing a tantalizing dish.

Reconstruct *doggie attire* so that it becomes food in the form of plant roots, seeds, leaves, tubers, stems, leaves, etc.

Unscramble *really bad manners* and restructure the letters to form a table covering.

Start with *a piece of laboratory equipment* and create something that hungry Thanksgiving guests bring with them to the feast.

A tile oven isn't the point, but restructuring its letters will reveal an electronic invention that becomes the center of attention after the festive baking and eating.

Convert the *absence of vehicles* to the capped objects that fall from oak trees in the autumn, sometimes leaving dents in automobiles.

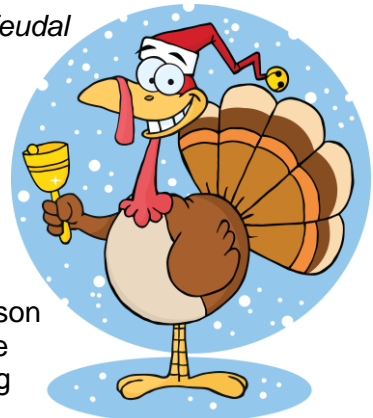
Prove that *requiring a vacation* also names the elected official who grants a pardon each Thanksgiving to one lucky turkey.

Revamp *my strange stage prompts* and create the name given to trees that drop their leaves in the fall and grow new ones each spring.

Reorder *sky location* and identify the religious group that the pilgrims belonged to.

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- _____ 12. **idly far back** Fiddle with the letters in *lazily behind* and produce the name of the day after Thanksgiving when merchants hit the profit zone from all the massive shopping. (two words)
- _____ 13. **Let's rest.** The Pilgrims, who did need a break now and then, are classified in this group, along with all others who came to America to start a new life.
- _____ 14. **one jury** Adjust the letters of a *single group of decision makers* and find a synonym for *voyage*.
- _____ 15. **Mr. Lucky Photo** Scramble the letters in Mr. Photo's name and put them back together to reveal the exact spot the Pilgrims are said to have set foot on terra firma.
- _____ 16. **elf voters** Put *pixie balloters* in a different order and create those items that people eat for several meals after a Thanksgiving feast.
- _____ 17. **to resolve** Shuffle around *to decide* and name the President who signed a declaration in 1941 that gave Thanksgiving Day an official date on the calendar.
- _____ 18. **piano occur** Redesign an *instrumental happening* and produce a horn-shaped container overflowing with an abundance of food.
- _____ 19. **shady rut** Get rid of the *shadowy groove* and replace it with Thanksgiving's permanent day of the week.
- _____ 20. **idiot rant** Ignore the *stupid statement* and construct a word that applies to Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other American celebrations.
- _____ 21. **Enclose it.** On Tuesday after the first Monday in November, Americans take part in these by going into *enclosed booths* to cast their ballots.
- _____ 22. **sassing ladder** Take apart a *disrespectful climbing device* and reassemble as the liquid drizzled over a bowl of green leafy vegetables, onions, tomatoes, etc. (two words)
- _____ 23. **teapot so sweet** Modify an *endearing beverage container* and come up with the name of a tuberous vegetable perfect for baking and pie making. (two words)
- _____ 24. **knight saving** Begin with a *frugal feudal soldier* and finish with a famous November celebration.
- _____ 25. **a class aunt** Transmogrify a *gentile relative* so that its letters spell the name of the person whose float ends the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



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Answer Keys

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Pages 1-2

1. pilgrims
2. relatives
3. November
4. drumstick
5. home
6. casserole
7. wishbone
8. platter
9. parade
10. bread
11. traffic
12. Mayflower
13. desserts
14. sweater
15. holiday
16. cranberries
17. napkin
18. Abraham Lincoln
19. stuffing
20. dinner
21. grateful
22. delicious
23. snow
24. travel
25. grandparents

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Pages 3-4

1. feast
2. pumpkin
3. recipe
4. vegetables
5. tablecloth
6. appetite
7. television
8. acorns
9. President
10. deciduous
11. Puritans
12. Black Friday
13. settlers
14. journey
15. Plymouth Rock
16. leftovers
17. Roosevelt
18. cornucopia
19. Thursday
20. tradition
21. elections
22. salad dressing
23. sweet potato
24. Thanksgiving
25. Santa Claus