



THANKSGIVING

It's that time of the year! November and December are two important months in our family for **gatherings**. Mom has already taken out her **silverware** (knives, forks, and spoons) and best **tableware** (plates, cups) for the first family gathering; **Thanksgiving!**

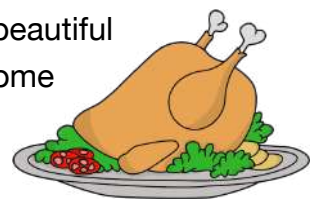


It's my job to **set** the table for our **guests**. This year, our colors are **emerald green, silver, and white**. Mom loves to change the colors every year. The **tablecloth** is lily white, with silver **knives, forks and spoons, green plates, and green napkins**. Aunt Mary is doing the **flower arrangements**.

Each family member usually brings a **dish** so there is a **variety** on the table. Dad's favorite is **pumpkin pie** and mom's **recipe** is delicious. Mom gets up very early to put the turkey in the **oven**, where it **roasts** for several hours. Dad has a special job at the table; he needs to **carve the turkey!** This is Dad's job and he feels **honored** to have his family with him. My parents love having everybody around the table!

When it comes to giving thanks; each family member usually comes up with a special message to thank our **Heavenly Father** for their **blessings**. Everyone is fortunate to have food to eat, and the **hosts**, Mom and Dad are so thankful to be able to share many dishes with their family.

After dinner, we usually play some family games. It creates a beautiful **atmosphere** and everyone is happy. The adults drink some wine, some drink beer, and Mom serves **freshly squeezed** fruit juices for the children.



Usually, there are so many **leftovers**; each member gets to take some home which everyone eats the next day.

We are very fortunate to still have Grandpa and Grandma with us. They are in their 70s and we are blessed as they are still in good health. Unfortunately, Dad's parents **passed away** some years ago.

Enjoy Thanksgiving! Enjoy preparing the food and playing the games!

Comprehension Questions

1. What is a family gathering?

2. What does Mom change every year?

3. Who is doing the flowers [flower arrangement]?

4. What color is the tablecloth?

5. What is silverware?

6. Why does Mom get up so early?

7. What is Dad's special job?

8. What do they do after dinner?

9. What is the meaning of "variety"?

10. What do the children get to drink?

11. What do they do with the leftovers?

12. What is the meaning of "Dad's parents **passed away** some years ago"?

Underline the correct word and answer the question

1. How many people **is/are** there in your family?
There _____ people in my family.
2. Do you have many family **gatherings/gathering** every year?
We have about _____ family _____ every year. They are _____.
3. **Is/Are** it healthier to drink freshly squeezed fruit juice or fruit juice you buy in a bottle?
_____.
4. What colors **is/are** your tablecloth, knives forks, and napkins?
Our tablecloth _____, the knives and forks are _____ and the napkins are _____.
5. What **is/are** your favorite meal [dish]?
My favorite dish is _____.
6. Do you **always/sometimes/never** drink freshly squeezed fruit juice?
I _____ drink freshly squeezed _____ juice.

Teacher's Key

Comprehension Questions

1. What is a family gathering?
A family gathering is when many members of a family get together.
2. What does Mom change every year?
Mom loves to change the colors of the tablecloth, cutlery, and napkins every year.
3. Who is doing the flowers [flower arrangement]? *Aunt Mary*
4. What color is the tablecloth? *Lily white*
5. What is silverware? *Knives, forks, spoons, etc.*
6. Why does Mom get up so early? *To put the turkey in the oven.*
7. What is Dad's special job? *Dad needs to carve the turkey.*
8. What do they do after dinner? *They usually play some games.*
9. What is the meaning of "variety"? *Many different things.*
10. What do the children get to drink? *Freshly squeezed fruit juice.*
11. What do they do with the leftovers? *Family members take some home.*
12. What is the meaning of "Dad's parents **passed away** some years ago"?
*To pass away is a **better/nicer** way to say someone has died.*

Underline the correct word and answer the question

1. How many people are there in your family?
There are _____ people in my family.
2. Do you have many family gatherings every year?
We have about _____ family gatherings every year. They are Christmas, Ramadan, birthday parties, or any other important occasion...
3. Is it healthier to drink freshly squeezed fruit juice or fruit juice you buy in a bottle?
Freshly squeezed fruit juice is much healthier than bottled juice. There is too much sugar in bottled juice.
4. What colors are your tablecloth, knives forks, and napkins?
Our tablecloth is _____, the knives and forks are _____ and the napkins are _____.
5. What is your favorite meal [dish]?
My favorite dish is _____.
6. Do you always/sometimes/never drink freshly squeezed fruit juice?
I _____ drink freshly squeezed _____ juice.