



THANKSGIVING

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A2–B1 • Language and Discussion

Use language for comparing traditions, explaining viewpoints, and expressing respectful disagreement.

A. Comparing traditions

Both holidays bring people together.

- Thanksgiving is different from our festival because...
- One similarity is that...
- In contrast,...
- Some people prefer..., while others...

1. One tradition in my community that brings people together is _____.
2. One similarity between Thanksgiving and _____ is _____.
3. Unlike Thanksgiving, _____.
4. People may have different opinions about a holiday because _____.

B. Cause and contrast: although / because / while

Choose the best word: although, because, while.

1. _____ many people enjoy the holiday, others find its history painful.
2. Some people travel to see family _____ spending time together matters to them.
3. Some families celebrate with a large meal, _____ others prefer a quiet day.
4. _____ traditions change, gratitude remains important to many people.

C. Discussion

1. What makes a tradition meaningful: its age, its purpose, or the people who take part?
2. Can a celebration be enjoyable for some people and painful for others? Explain.
3. What responsibilities do schools and media have when explaining a country's history?
4. How can people celebrate gratitude without ignoring historical harm?
5. Should family traditions change as society changes? Why or why not?

D. Write a balanced paragraph

Write 100–130 words explaining why Thanksgiving means different things to different people. Include one familiar tradition, one historical point, and a respectful conclusion.

Teacher's Key

B: 1 Although, 2 because, 3 while, 4 Although.

Other answers vary; look for clear reasons and respectful language.