Thanksgiving quiz & conversation cards

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QUIZ 1 OF 10

On which weekday is U.S. Thanksgiving celebrated?

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QUIZ 2 OF 10

In what year was the fourth Thursday fixed as the federal Thanksgiving holiday?

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QUIZ 3 OF 10

Which magazine editor wrote to Abraham Lincoln in 1863 about a national Thanksgiving?

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QUIZ 4 OF 10

How long did the 1621 Plimoth harvest celebration last?

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QUIZ 5 OF 10

True or false: wild turkeys can fly.

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QUIZ 6 OF 10

Where do wild turkeys usually roost at night?

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QUIZ 7 OF 10

Are wild turkeys herbivores or omnivores?

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QUIZ 8 OF 10

Is a gobble the only sound wild turkeys make?

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QUIZ 9 OF 10

What inside a cranberry helps it float?

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QUIZ 10 OF 10

True or false: cranberries grow underwater all year.

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CONVERSATION

Name one small thing someone did for you this week. What made it helpful?

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CONVERSATION

Choose one tradition you would like to keep, change or start. What would you choose and why?

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Quiz answers

Keep this page separate while you read the cards aloud.

1. Thursday: specifically, the fourth Thursday in November.

   Source: U.S. Office of Personnel Management

2. 1941. President Roosevelt signed the resolution on December 26.

   Source: National Archives

3. Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book.

   Source: Library of Congress

4. Three days. It involved English colonists and Wampanoag people.

   Source: National Museum of the American Indian

5. True. Wild turkeys can fly.

   Source: Smithsonian's National Zoo

6. In trees, on branches.

   Source: Smithsonian's National Zoo

7. Omnivores: they eat both plant and animal food.

   Source: Smithsonian's National Zoo

8. No. Biologists have identified at least 15 vocalizations.

   Source: Smithsonian's National Zoo

9. Four air pockets inside the berry.

   Source: Massachusetts Cranberries

10. False. They grow on low vines in beds; water is used for wet harvesting and other purposes.

    Source: Massachusetts Cranberries

Sources & ways to use the cards

Read a card, let everyone guess, then check page 3. Each correct answer can earn one point, or you can play without scoring. The last two cards are conversation prompts with no right answer.

For younger readers, read the question aloud and give two possible answers. Start with the bird and cranberry questions. Let anyone pass on a personal conversation prompt.

Wampanoag history began long before 1621 and continues today. A three-day gathering cannot stand in for the whole story of colonization, land loss and living Native communities. Read the museum's wider timeline and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's own account alongside a holiday quiz.

Read the sources

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Living Wampanoag community: https://mashpeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/

Sources checked 4 November 2026. U.S. Thanksgiving in 2026: November 26. Visit 1000cutethings.com/thanksgiving-fun-facts/ for the web version and source links.