

## THANKSGIVING DAY

**Thanksgiving Day** is a **public holiday** in the USA. People celebrate it on the last Thursday in November. Some people think that the modern Thanksgiving Day comes from the year of 1621 – the **harvest celebration** of the first English settlers<sup>1</sup> **known as** Pilgrims. But the first true<sup>2</sup> thanksgiving comes from the year of 1623 – people **give thanks** for the rain that ends a drought<sup>3</sup> in a special **church service**.

Today, it is a day for families and friends. They meet and have a special meal<sup>4</sup>, **such as** turkey<sup>5</sup>, stuffing<sup>6</sup>, potatoes, **cranberry sauce**, gravy<sup>7</sup> and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for giving thanks. Offices, shops and schools are closed. It is a very busy time period, so there are a lot of **traffic jams**.



Traditional Thanksgiving meal

Some people dislike<sup>8</sup> Thanksgiving Day - each year since 1970, a group of **Native Americans** protests in Plymouth (Massachusetts) on that day.

**Vocabulary:**<sup>1</sup>osadníci|<sup>2</sup>opravdový|<sup>3</sup>sucho|<sup>4</sup>jídlo|<sup>5</sup>krůta|<sup>6</sup>nádivka|<sup>7</sup>omáčka(ze šťávy masa) <sup>8</sup>nemít rád

**Language notes:** Thanksgiving day=Den díkůvzdání|public holiday=státní svátek|harvest celebration=oslava sklizně|known as=známý jako|give thanks=vzdát dík|church service=mše|such as=jako například|cranberry sauce=brusinková omáčka|traffic jam=dopravní zácpa|Native Americans=původní Američané

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