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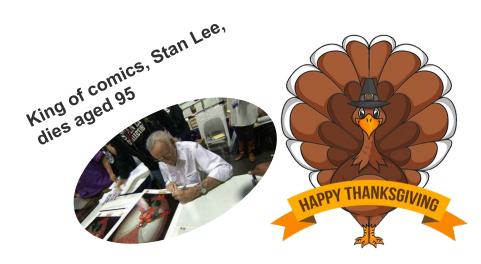
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British Cristmas traditions



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What is Thanksgiving? When will Thanksgiving be celebrated this year?

Thanksgiving is a big family celebration, and a christian festival. Many non-Christians also enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving.

People in Canada celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the USA. This year, the Thanksgiving is going to be Thursday, 22nd November.

The history behind Thanksgiving:

In September of 1620, The Mayflower, a small ship carrying 102 religious separatists, left Plymouth in England with the promise of a new home where they could happily prosper and also practice their religion freely in the new continent. After a 66 day long journey, the English ship finally arrived at its destination, or at least it was what they first thought.

In fact, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod instead of their intended destination, far south, at the mouth of the Hudson River, until one month later The Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth. During that first harsh winter most of the colonists remained on board where they were exposed to several contagious diseases ending up dying. The other half of The Mayflower's original passengers and crew made it and lived long enough to see in first-hand the beauty of their first New England spring.

In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Then, several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving". For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



Celebrating Thanksgiving in José Régio















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What is Black Friday?

Black Friday is one of the biggest shopping days of the year held the day after Thanksgiving, It first started in America and is regarded as the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

This year, Black Friday falls on Friday 23 November 2018. People all over the world will be buying discounted products as retailers slash prices.

Originally a one-day event, many retailers now offer sales and deals in the week leading up to it, thanks to its huge success.

What is Buy nothing Day?

Buy Nothing Day originated in Canada in September of 1992 as a way to protest the frenzy of Black Friday shopping.

This day is part of an international movement of protest against consumerism, urging the world to change their purchasing habits, to consume and produce less.

So, instead of shopping, stay home and relax.



Cranberry Muffins

Ingredients

2 cups flour

3/4 cup sugar

1 Tablespoon baking powder

dash of salt

1 teaspoon nutmeg

2 eggs

2 Tablespoons oil

1 cup orange juice

1/2 cup cranberries

1/2 cup nuts

Combine ingredients and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

You found this recipe on 1st Traveler's Choice Internet Cookbook.



Did you know that Massachusetts is one of the top cranberry-producing states in America?

The **cranberry harvest** is a colorful sight to observe each fall.

Here is a healthy, delicious cranberry recipe from New England restaurants and inns to help you add a taste of New England to your Thanksgiving day dining or any other meal throughout the year.



British Christmas Traditions



Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Every year in December we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. That is why we call this time of year 'Christmas' - we celebrate the 'Mass', or church service, for Christ.



How is Christmas Celebrated in Britain?

Christmas is a truly magical season, bringing families and friends together to share the much loved customs and traditions which have been around for centuries. Most people are on holiday in the UK and stay at home with their family on Christmas day.



What day is the main Christmas celebration in Britain?

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th December, with a Christmas dinner at midday for the whole family.



How do the British prepare for Christmas?

During the weeks before Christmas Day, we send cards, watch nativity plays and go to carol services. We put up Christmas decorations in our homes and churches.

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History of British Christmas Customs and Traditions

Many of our Christmas customs began long before Jesus was born. They came from earlier festivals which had nothing to do with the Christian church. Long time ago people had midwinter festivals when the days were shortest and the sunlight weakest. They believed that their ceremonies would give the sun back its power. The Romans, for example, held the festival of Saturnalia around 25 December. They decorated their homes with evergreens to remind them of Saturn, their harvest god, to return the following spring.

Some of these customs and traditions were adopted by early Christians as part of their celebrations of Jesus' birthday.

In Victorian times some new ideas such as Father Christmas, Christmas cards and crackers were added to the celebrations.

Christmas Day in Britain



Christmas Day is the favourite day for children. They wake up very early in the morning to find their stockings have been filled by Father Christmas and excitedly unwrap the presents before going down to breakfast.



King of Comics, Stan Lee,dies aged 95

Stan Lee, an American comic book writer, editor, and publisher, active from the 1940s to

blisher, active from the 1940s to the 2010s, has passed away at the age of 95 on 12 November.

He was Marvel Comics' primary creative leader for two decades, and he led a small division of a publishing house to a multimedia corporation that dominates the comics industry.

In collaboration with other writers and artists, he cocreated many popular characters, including superheroes like Spider-Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Black Panther, Daredevil, Doctor Strange, and Ant-Man.

Wildfires in California

In California, wildfires are raging again and strong winds and dry forests mean that the flames spread over 177 kilometres and destroy thousands of buildings.

Around 250,000 people have been forced to flee and at least nine people died – five of them found dead in burned-out vehicles after attempting to flee.

Hollywood stars are included in those who have lost their homes due to the blazes and the city of Malibu has been entirely evacuated. A town called Paradise of 30,000 residents has been completely destroyed.





Superhero Window Cleaners

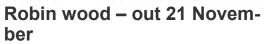
This news is from England. Some children are in hospital. They are sick.
Three window cleaners want to make the children feel better. They put on superhero costumes. They go on top of the hospital. They come down. They are on ropes. The children are sitting near a window. They can see the superheroes through the window. Both the children and the window cleaners are very happy. They like to make the children feel better.



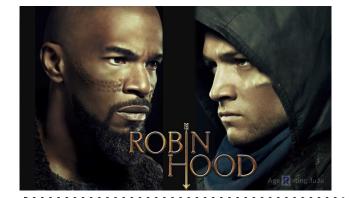
Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald – out 16 November





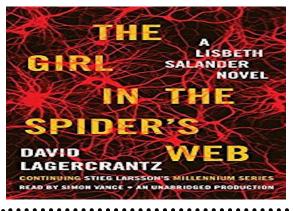






The Girl in the Spider's Web – out 21 November

The Crown's Claire Foy takes the lead as cult figure Lisbeth Salander in the last release from Steig Larsson's Millenium series; computer hacker Salander is recruited to steal a computer programme that can access nuclear weapons worldwide – drawing unwanted attention from shadowy figures.



Nativity Rocks! – out 23 November

Full of festive fun, cue the fourth film in the Christmas Nativity series, centred around St Bernadette's Primary School and its hilarious pupils.





Last year I went to London for three days and it was the best holidays of my life!

I went to London by plane with my parents and my sister and we stayed in a hotel. As we were a bit tired because of the trip, we decided to stay in the hotel and to get some rest.

I remember that the first thing that me and my sister did was to take a photo near one red telephone booth, which are really pretty. On the next day, we travelled by subway and went to visit Big Ben and some great museums.

My favourite part was when we visited the Madame Tussaud's museum, because it is really amazing and creative.

As we travelled by subway, I realized how multicultural London is and how welcoming British people are.

The only thing I didn't like was the food, because there were only junk food restaurants, so I couldn't try some typical British food.

To sum up, I truly loved my trip to London and I want to go there again.

By J. S., 11°CT1





Non-believer's confession

I am not a believer
But I do believe
And I am not a seeker
But all I do is seek

Stuck in this paradox
While you are watching some FOX
Diving in laugh and brightness
Ignoring the awareness
When are we going to start thinking outside the box?

I do not fit in society nor sobriety

The world I see

Give me equality or quality

The world I need

Immigration and discrimination

"Let's consume their tradition

Hate the religion

Treat them like trash

Because I'm the one with cash"

Wake up
We all need to wake up
And face up
This heartless misery
Why can't you see?

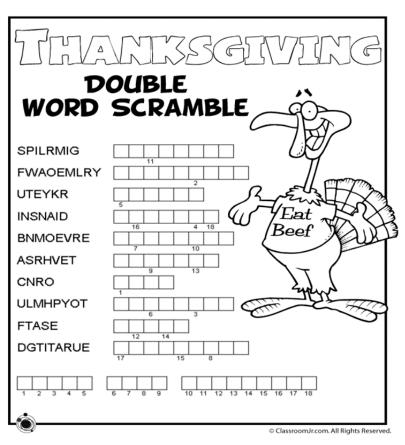
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Thanksgiving Word Search



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