

Teacher's Notes

Thanksgiving spelling



Type of activity: writing, art project (optional)

Focus: revision of days of the week and months, spelling, capital letters, punctuation

Level: elementary

Time: 45 minutes (without optional art project)

Preparation:

- one copy of the Student's Worksheet per student
- optional: A3 sheets of paper, crayons, Thanksgiving-related pictures, cut-outs, glue

Procedure:

1. On the board, write the beginnings of the days of the week in a column (*Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun*) and elicit all of the names from the students. Invite volunteers to come to the board and complete the names. Then, do the same for the months (*Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, M, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec*).
2. Clean the board and distribute the Student's Worksheets. The students complete Task 1.
3. Draw the students' attention to the fact that the days of the week and months start with capital letters. In L1 or L2, ask the students to give you more examples of words that start with capital letters (people's names, countries, beginnings of sentences). Then ask the students to work in pairs and complete Task 2, choosing the correct word in each pair. Check with the whole group, writing the words on the board. At this point, you may also draw the students' attention to the fact that nationality adjectives are spelled with capital letters in English.

Key: *Thursday, November, year, travel, the USA, Thanksgiving, TV, American, New York, dinner*

4. Ask the students to look at Task 3. They should find all the differences between the two texts. If the students are having trouble identifying all of them, help them by saying that there are 10 differences in total. Put the second version on the board and highlight all of the elements that the students have found. Briefly discuss each of these in L1 or L2.

Key: *Christmas is a December festival. At Christmas, people in Great Britain eat turkey, mashed potatoes and pudding.*

5. Ask the students to keep in mind all the rules mentioned before and to correct the text in Task 4 – changing letters to capitals wherever necessary and adding punctuation. Monitor and help as they do this individually or in pairs. After they have finished, check with the whole group.

Key:

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a big family celebration in the USA.

People celebrate it every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

People from all over the USA travel to be with their families.

The symbols of Thanksgiving are pumpkins, turkeys and the colour orange.

Big parades are organised in many American cities at Thanksgiving.

One of the biggest parades takes place in New York.

More than three million people come to see the parade.

More than fifty million watch it on TV.

Traditional Thanksgiving food is turkey, corn, sweet potatoes and apple pie.

6. In L1 or L2, elicit from the students what they have found out about Thanksgiving from the text.

Optional follow-up art project

As a follow-up, the students can make a poster, rewriting the corrected text from Task 4 (or only some of the sentences) and decorating it with pictures and drawings.



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