Harmonious Seasons.

Words in Words

You can sometimes make words using the letters in a larger word. For example, from the word “tube” you can make “be,” “bet,” “but,” and “tub.” Now onto a harder one: how many words can you make from the word “pilgrims?” (Hint: we found 29.)

Answers: Girl, girls, grim, grip, grips, imp, imps, irs, is, limp, limps, lip, lips, lisp, pig, pigs, prim, prism, rig, rigs, rim, rims, rip, rips, sip, sir, slim, slip, sprig.

No·vem·ber (nô-vm’bYr)
n. (*Abbr.* Nov.)
November is the 11th month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and is one of the four Gregorian months with the length of 30 days. The Latin translation of “novem” is nine, for it was originally the ninth month of the Roman calendar. November begins on the same day of the week as March every year and also February except in leap years. November in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to May in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. Around November 17th, the Leonids meteor shower reaches its peak.
November is: Tobacco Awareness Month, NaNoWriMo or National Novel Writing Month, National Beard Month, Diabetes Awareness Month and National Native American and Native Alaskan Month.
On November 11th we honor our veterans. This date was originally in honor of Armistice Day celebrating WWI vets, but post WWII it was changed to Veterans Day to honor veterans from all wars. The holiday’s observance was at one time moved to the fourth Monday of October in order to allow for long weekends. However, after protests by veterans groups, it was moved back to November 11th in an effort to retain the importance of the holiday.
Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It is one of those joyous events we celebrate in the United States with lots of love and gratitude.
Enjoy November!

Football Facts

Fun and games are always an inevitable part of entertainment for the young and the old alike! Over the years, football has become synonymous with this joyous festival of Thanksgiving.
Here are some interesting facts about football and Thanksgiving…
• In 1874 the first intercollegiate football game was played.
• Two years later, the Football Association was formed in the northeast, which instituted a championship game principally to amuse the people on Thanksgiving Day.
• On Thanksgiving Day, meetings would wind up early to accommodate the fans, with the game kicking off the season of festivity for the social elite in New York. It had gained such popularity that soon by mid-1890s, 1,200,000 athletes from colleges, clubs and high schools partook in 5,000 Thanksgiving Day football games across the nation.
• The custom of watching a match of football on Thanksgiving Day evolved during the early twentieth century.
• As football paved its way into people’s hearts, gaining popularity as early as 1920s and 1930s and earning itself the much prestigious position that it enjoys at present, many people began to visit the football stadium to watch a game.
• Renowned teams playing for the world famous football league of America eventually established the tradition of playing nationally televised games on Thanksgiving afternoon.
• Many high schools and colleges also organize “Turkey Day” football games, often between regional or historic rivals.
• Friends and family all over America like to huddle around their radio or TV to catch the live telecast of the match while munching on the special dishes prepared to commemorate Thanksgiving.
Over the decades, football and Thanksgiving have established a strong bond and now you know how and why!

Answers to Thanksgiving Trivia:
1. 2003 – Stars and Stripes; 2004 - Biscuit and Gravy; 2005 – Marshmallow and Yam
2. True 3. 20 miles an hour 4. Turkey 5. Mayflower 6. Ale 7. Wampanoag
8. 3 days 9. 1 billion 10. Wattle 11. Tryptophan 12. 15 pounds
13. 675 million pounds 14. Flock 15. Smell 16. 3,500 feathers

Nature By Design.

Tons of Turkey

Do you have lots of leftover turkey every year? Does your family get tired of eating turkey salad sandwiches every day for a week after Thanksgiving? Instead of boring leftovers this year, get creative! Here are some ideas to get you started.
Easy Turkey & Mushroom Potpie

- 1 package (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 cups cooked turkey, diced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 onion, diced
- 1-1/2 cups turkey gravy (from scratch or store-bought)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 refrigerated pie crust, thawed to room temperature

Cook vegetables according to package. Mix with turkey, gravy, mushrooms, onion, salt, and pepper in a large baking dish. Place pie crust on top and trim and seal edges. Cut several slits in crust. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown and mixture is hot and bubbly.

Thanksgiving Trivia

1. Every year in a ceremony at the White House the President chooses two turkeys that will be spared from ending up on your dining room table... What are the names of either the 2003, 2004 or 2005 pardoned turkeys?
2. Turkeys can drown if they look up when it’s raining – True or False
3. How fast can a spooked turkey run?
4. Did Benjamin Franklin want the eagle or the turkey to be the National Bird?
5. What was the name of the Pilgrims’ ship?
6. What drink did the Pilgrims bring with them on their voyage?
7. What is the name of the tribe of Indians that taught the Pilgrims to cultivate the land?
8. How many days did the first Thanksgiving last?
9. The turkey industry in the United States amounts to 1 billion, 500 million or 2 billion dollars.
10. What do you call the long, loose piece of skin on a turkey’s neck?
11. What chemical is in turkey that makes you sleepy after Thanksgiving dinner?
12. How many pounds of turkey does the average person consume in a year?
13. How many pounds of turkey does the whole United States eat on Thanksgiving Day?
14. What do you call a group of turkeys?
15. What sense — sight, hearing, taste or smell – is a turkeys weakest?
16. How many feathers does a turkey have?

Harvest Bounty.

Enjoy. Autumn.

American Diabetes Month
Aviation History Month
Celebrate Empty Nester Month
Diabetic Eye Disease Month
Epilepsy Awareness Month
Family Stories Month
Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month
Great American Smokeout Month
I Am So Thankful Month
International Microfinance Month
Jaw Joints-TMJ Awareness Month
Learn Chinese Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
National Adoption Month
National AIDS Awareness Month
National Alaska Native Heritage Month
National Alzheimer’s Disease Month
National American Indian Heritage Month
National COPD Awareness Month
National Epilepsy Awareness Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Georgia Pecan Month
National Healthy Skin Month
National Home Care Month
National Hospice Month
National Inspirational Role Models Month
National Lifewriting Month