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Anotace: The worksheet can be used when learning about Thanksgiving. Students hear the original Thanksgiving story and supply the missing words. The exercise focuses on listening comprehension as well as factual information regarding the Thanksgiving holiday.

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On the _____ Thursday of November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, a national holiday honoring the early _____ settlers and their harvest feast.

The Settlers

The Pilgrims, the people who made up the _____, were a group of English Protestants who wanted to break away from the Church of England. These 'separatists' first moved to _____ but had 12 years of difficulties, including financial problems. In 1620 though, they received funding from some English _____ to sail across the Atlantic to settle in the 'New World.' A ship carrying 101 men, women, and children spent 66 days traveling the Atlantic Ocean, intending to land in the _____ colony. Due to storms and _____ conditions however, the group were blown off course and settled at what is now called Cape Cod in _____.

The Celebration

The first months were almost disastrous for the pilgrim settlers. Nearly half of them died from _____ and hunger. Fortunately, the kindness of the local Native American tribes allowed them to survive. One day in the _____ of 1621, four settlers were sent to hunt for food for a harvest celebration. The Wampanoag Indians heard gunshots and alerted their leader, Massasoit, who thought the English might be preparing for _____. Massasoit visited the English settlement with 90 of his men to see if the war _____ was true. But soon after their visit, the Native Americans realized that the English were only hunting for a _____ celebration. Massasoit sent some of his own men to hunt _____ for the feast and for three days, the English and American Indian men, women, and children ate together. The meal consisted of deer, corn, _____, and roasted meat. Though this was far from today's traditional Thanksgiving, it was the _____ which set the standard for the American Thanksgiving celebration.

Instructions: The teacher reads the text aloud. Students supply the missing words while listening to the text.

On the **fourth** Thursday of November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, a national holiday honoring the early **New England** settlers and their harvest feast.

The Settlers

The Pilgrims, the people who made up the **Plymouth Colony**, were a group of English Protestants who wanted to break away from the Church of England. These 'separatists' first moved to **Holland** but had 12 years of difficulties, including financial problems. In 1620 though, they received funding from some English **merchants** to sail across the Atlantic to settle in the 'New World.' A ship carrying 101 men, women, and children spent 66 days traveling the Atlantic Ocean, intending to land in the **Virginia** colony. Due to storms and **windy** conditions however, the group were blown off course and settled at what is now called Cape Cod in **Massachusetts**.

The Celebration

The first months were almost disastrous for the pilgrim settlers. Nearly half of them died from **disease** and hunger. Fortunately, the kindness of the local Native American tribes allowed them to survive. One day in the **autumn** of 1621, four settlers were sent to hunt for food for a harvest celebration. The Wampanoag Indians heard gunshots and alerted their leader, Massasoit, who thought the English might be preparing for **war**. Massasoit visited the English settlement with 90 of his men to see if the war **rumor** was true. But soon after their visit, the Native Americans realized that the English were only hunting for a **harvest** celebration. Massasoit sent some of his own men to hunt **deer** for the feast and for three days, the English and American Indian men, women, and children ate together. The meal consisted of deer, corn, **shellfish**, and roasted meat. Though this was far from today's traditional Thanksgiving, it was the **feast** which set the standard for the American Thanksgiving celebration.

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