Thanksgiving Trivia for Kids

30 fun questions · Circle one answer · Answer key at the end

1. What sound does a turkey make?

A) Moo
B) Gobble
C) Quack

2. What color is a pumpkin?

A) Orange
B) Blue
C) Purple

3. In what season is Thanksgiving?

A) Summer
B) Fall
C) Spring

4. What is a baby turkey called?

A) A puppy
B) A poult
C) A kitten

5. Where does a turkey sleep at night in the wild?

A) In a tree
B) In a bed
C) In a boat

6. What can you make by tracing your hand?

A) A hand turkey
B) A hand fish
C) A hand car

7. What was the name of the Pilgrims' ship?

A) The Mayflower
B) The Titanic
C) The Sunflower

8. Who joined the Pilgrims for the harvest feast in 1621?

A) The Wampanoag people
B) The Vikings
C) The Romans

9. Which president made Thanksgiving a national holiday?

A) Abraham Lincoln
B) George Washington
C) Barack Obama

10. Which cartoon dog has flown in the Macy's parade more than any other balloon?

A) Snoopy
B) Scooby-Doo
C) Clifford

11. What does the President of the United States do to a turkey every Thanksgiving?

A) Pardons it
B) Paints it
C) Races it

12. What do you call three strikes in a row in bowling?

A) A turkey
B) A chicken
C) A pumpkin

13. What did the Pilgrims NOT have at the first Thanksgiving?

A) Pumpkin pie
B) Corn
C) Deer meat

14. In what year did the Mayflower land in America?

A) 1492
B) 1620
C) 1776
D) 1812

15. Which writer and editor campaigned for 17 years to make Thanksgiving a national holiday?

A) Sarah Josepha Hale
B) Louisa May Alcott
C) Mark Twain
D) Emily Dickinson

16. Since 1941, Thanksgiving has been held on which Thursday of November?

A) First
B) Second
C) Third
D) Fourth

17. How fast can a wild turkey fly?

A) 5 mph
B) 20 mph
C) Up to about 55 mph
D) 150 mph

18. What was the first giant character balloon in the Macy's parade?

A) Felix the Cat
B) Mickey Mouse
C) Snoopy
D) Superman

19. Can wild turkeys fly?

A) Yes
B) No
C) Only backwards

20. What is a young male turkey called?

A) A jake
B) A joey
C) A cub

21. What does a happy turkey sound like?

A) It purrs
B) It barks
C) It roars

22. What is the most popular Thanksgiving pie?

A) Pumpkin pie
B) Lemon pie
C) Banana pie

23. What sweet topping goes on sweet potato casserole?

A) Marshmallows
B) Sprinkles
C) Ketchup

24. What is the name of a turkey stuffed with a duck and a chicken?

A) A turducken
B) A chickurkey
C) A duckey

25. True or false: Turkeys can swim.

A) True
B) False

26. True or false: Female turkeys gobble.

A) True
B) False

27. True or false: Cranberries bounce.

A) True
B) False

28. True or false: Pumpkins grow on trees.

A) True
B) False

29. What does 'grateful' mean?

A) Thankful
B) Angry
C) Sleepy

30. What does 'harvest' mean?

A) Gathering crops
B) Planting flowers
C) Building houses

Answer Key

With a quick fact for each answer

1. B) Gobble — Male turkeys say 'gobble gobble'.

2. A) Orange — Most pumpkins are orange, but some are white or green.

3. B) Fall — Thanksgiving is in the fall, when leaves change color.

4. B) A poult — Baby turkeys are called poults.

5. A) In a tree — Wild turkeys fly up into trees to sleep.

6. A) A hand turkey — Your fingers become the turkey's feathers.

7. A) The Mayflower — The Mayflower sailed from England in 1620.

8. A) The Wampanoag people — About 90 Wampanoag men came with their leader, Massasoit.

9. A) Abraham Lincoln — Lincoln did it in 1863.

10. A) Snoopy — Snoopy first flew in 1968.

11. A) Pardons it — The pardoned turkey gets to live on a farm.

12. A) A turkey — Bowlers yell 'turkey!'

13. A) Pumpkin pie — They had no ovens to bake pies.

14. B) 1620 — It arrived in November 1620.

15. A) Sarah Josepha Hale — She also wrote 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'.

16. D) Fourth — Congress passed a law to fix the date.

17. C) Up to about 55 mph — They fly fast, but only for short distances.

18. A) Felix the Cat — Felix flew in 1927.

19. A) Yes — They fly fast for short distances.

20. A) A jake — A young female is called a jenny.

21. A) It purrs — Turkeys can purr like cats.

22. A) Pumpkin pie — Pecan and apple pie are close behind.

23. A) Marshmallows — They get toasted golden brown in the oven.

24. A) A turducken — Three birds in one!

25. A) True — Wild turkeys can paddle across streams.

26. B) False — Only male turkeys gobble.

27. A) True — Fresh ones bounce because of air pockets inside.

28. B) False — They grow on long vines on the ground.

29. A) Thankful — Being grateful means feeling thankful.

30. A) Gathering crops — Thanksgiving began as a harvest celebration.

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