

9. Your Christmas food is good for birds as well. _____
10. Charities don't accept presents anymore.
They've already got too many. _____

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

9. Match the words to form word combinations.

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| 1. watch | a) gifts |
| 2. have | b) preparations |
| 3. wear | c) the fireworks |
| 4. exchange | d) the house |
| 5. decorate | e) people |
| 6. make | f) a costume |
| 7. light | g) a great time |
| 8. visit | h) lamps |
| 9. have | i) a meal |

10. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box to complete the text.

invited, called, had (2), taught, knew, sailed, were, wanted, got, landed, died, lived, worked, had, gave, lasted, grew

The Story of Thanksgiving

In 1620, a group of people _____ from England to America. There _____ one hundred people on the ship. They _____ to start a new life in America and practise their religion in freedom. They _____ at a place on the northeast coast of America. They _____ it Plymouth. They were far from their home, and life was hard. They _____ little food and they _____ little about their new home. Their first winter in America was very cold. Many of them _____ ill and _____. However, the Native Americans who _____ there decided to help them. They _____ the newcomers how to grow corn and other plants to eat, and they _____ them medicine to treat their illnesses. They also showed their new friends how to hunt for food and how to build better houses. The newcomers _____ hard and their crops _____. By November 1621 all of them _____ food and a home. To thank the Native Americans, the newcomers _____ them to a special dinner to celebrate their friendship. This special dinner was the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving dinner _____ for three days.

11. Read the text and choose the right option.

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving (1) _____ the fourth Thursday (2) _____ November. Children (3) _____ go to school and businesses close for four days. It is a special day for families, and people travel great distances just to be with (4) _____ families for this occasion. Today the traditional Thanksgiving meal is similar to the first one they had nearly 400 years (5) _____. People eat roast turkey (6) _____ cranberry sauce, potatoes and pumpkin pie. Many organisations also prepare a free meal (7) _____ poor people in their towns or cities. In New York, there are also parades and more (8) _____ two million people go to see it every year.

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| 1. a) at | b) on | c) in |
| 2. a) of | b) in | c) on |
| 3. a) didn't | b) aren't | c) don't |
| 4. a) them | b) they | c) their |
| 5. a) ago | b) later | c) past |
| 6. a) without | b) for | c) with |
| 7. a) with | b) for | c) without |
| 8. a) over | b) then | c) than |

12. Put the verbs in the right form to complete the text.

The Colour of Friendship

Once upon a time the colours of the world started to quarrel (сориться). All claimed that they _____ (be) the best. Green _____ (say): "Clearly I _____ (be) the most important. I _____ (be) the symbol of life and hope. I am the colour of grass, trees and leaves." Blue interrupted: "You _____ (be) speaking about the earth. But _____ (look) at the sky and the sea! Water is the basis of life. The sky _____ (give) space and peace. Without my peace, you would all be nothing. Yellow chuckled (усмехаться): "You are all so serious. I _____ (bring) laughter and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you _____ (look) at a sunflower, the whole world _____ (start) to smile. Without me there _____ (be) no fun." Red _____ (shout) out: "I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood – life's blood! I _____ (be) the colour of danger and of bravery. I bring fire into the blood. Without me the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the colour of love." Then Orange, Purple, Indigo _____ (speak) the same way. Their quarrelling _____ (become) louder and louder. Suddenly