



Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
Activity Plan - High Beginner
Canadian Holidays: Thanksgiving



90 minutes

Objective/Goal:

This activity requires the participants to work together to learn about one of the Canadian holidays - Thanksgiving. Culture sharing is a great way to get the group talking.

Materials:

Participants need: a set of pictures of Thanksgiving activity and vocabulary cards

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard
- whiteboard markers

Procedure: Warm-up 15 min
Work-out 60 min
Cool-down 15 min

Procedure: Ask the whole group **"What holidays do you celebrate in the fall?" Do you celebrate Thanksgiving in your country?" Do you know how Canadian people celebrate Thanksgiving?** After they are finished, they can come up to the front to share their stories. The key frame sentences are

1. "What holidays do you celebrate in the fall in your home country?"
2. "What is the most important holiday in your home country?"
3. "What do you do to celebrate the holiday?"

1. Warm- up Activity

First, introduce the holiday by writing the following highlighted words on the board. Define unfamiliar words. Read the words and phrases. Have the group repeat after you several times.

1. give thanks for a good harvest

2. visit family and friends

3. prepare a Thanksgiving meal

4. roast turkey

5. bake pumpkin pie

6. cook mashed potatoes

7. watch a football game

8. go sightseeing

9. share vegetables and fruits

After your introduction on winter holidays and practice on new words and phrases, play a short video on Thanksgiving by clicking the link

<http://youtu.be/8uSI8ti5y4>

2. Work-out Activity :

Whole class Practice Drill #1: Have participants repeat the verbal phrases, vocabulary and the sentences.

First, review Thanksgiving activity and vocabulary by holding up the pictures and words, and then asking the whole group to repeat the prompts with you.

A: "On Thanksgiving Day, people visit family and friends."

B: "People prepare a Thanksgiving meal and bake pumpkin pies."

Whole class Practice Drill #2: Have participants say the correct sentence that matches the picture prompt. For example, "bake pumpkin pie ". Ask the group: "**What do people do on Thanksgiving Day?**" so that they will reply "**On Thanksgiving day, people watch football game as a tradition.**" Continue with the other cards. Alternate between asking the whole group, and individual students.

Model all of the partner activities before the students do the activities.

Partner Practice Drill: Each participant gets a set of the words and pictures. Ask participants to work with their partners to practice the frame sentence "**What do people do on Thanksgiving Day?**" They then get a picture or word card from the pile and answer the questions "**They roast turkey.**"

Additional practice:

- The activity can be adapted to use past tense to talk about

Thanksgiving Celebration after Thanksgiving Day.

Cool down activity:

Play the memory game with the whole group by saying one word and have the learners use the word in a sentence. Then the learners repeat the sentence out loud after the teacher.

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"What do people do on Thanksgiving Day?" They ...

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**Prepare a
Thanksgiving meal**



Roast turkey



Bake pumpkin pie



**Cook mashed
potatoes/yams**



**Watch a football
game**



Go sightseeing



**Share vegetables
and
fruits from their
garden**

