

Thanksgiving – Glossary

accompaniment noun [countable]

something that you provide as a good addition, especially to a particular meal

anniversary noun [countable]

a date when you celebrate something that happened in a previous year that is important to you

celebration noun [countable]

a party or special event at which you celebrate something such as a birthday or a religious holiday

ceremony noun [countable]

a formal public event with special traditions, actions, or words

Congress proper noun

the group of people in the USA who are elected to make laws. It consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

cranberry noun [countable]

a small sour red fruit that grows on a bush

day off noun [countable]

a day when you are not at school or work, for example because you are not well or because it is not a normal working day

We're planning a trip to the zoo on my day off.

dessert noun [countable/uncountable]

sweet food that you eat after the main part of a meal

feast noun [countable]

a large meal for a lot of people, usually in order to celebrate something

hunger noun [uncountable]

a lack of food that can cause illness or death, especially among large numbers of people

look forward to phrasal verb [transitive]

to feel happy and excited about something that is going to happen

He had worked hard and was looking forward to his retirement.

maize noun [uncountable]

a tall plant that produces yellow seeds that are called sweetcorn when cooked and eaten. The American word is corn.

mashed potato noun [uncountable]

potatoes boiled in water, crushed, and then mixed with milk and butter until they are smooth

Native American noun [countable]

(or *American Indian*) someone who belongs to one of the tribes (groups of people) who lived in North and South America before Europeans arrived

pardon verb [transitive]

to officially forgive someone for committing a crime and free them from prison

peculiar adjective

strange, often in an unpleasant way

pie noun [countable/uncountable]

a food that consists of meat, vegetables, or fruit cooked inside a case of pastry or below a layer of it

pumpkin noun [countable/uncountable]

a large round vegetable with a thick orange skin and large seeds

roast adjective [only before noun]

cooked in an oven or over a fire

sauce noun [countable/uncountable]

a liquid food that you put on other foods to give them a particular flavour

settler noun [countable]

someone who goes to live in a place where not many people live, and starts to make it into a community

survival noun [uncountable]

the fact or state of continuing to live or exist, especially in difficult conditions

surviving adjective

still alive or remaining after others are dead or destroyed

take off phrasal verb [transitive]

to have a particular amount of time away from work

I'm taking Monday off to go to London.

turkey noun [countable]

a large bird similar to a chicken that has no feathers on its head and is often eaten at Christmas and Thanksgiving