

**Topic: Canadian Thanksgiving****Instructor:**

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**Level:**

Intermediate

**Age:**

30s (Adults)

**Number of  
Students:** 8**Length:**

50 minutes

**Materials:**

- White board and marker
- Text completion worksheet
- Homework worksheet
- MP3 file with 2 people's dialog on Thanksgiving, MP3 player

**Aims:**

- SWBAT identify Thanksgiving traditions in Canada by listening to and practicing the dialog.
- SWBAT use vocabulary and expressions in real conversation by discussing their favorite holidays.
- SWBAT explain how Thanksgiving is differently celebrated from the group discussion
- SWBAT talk about their experiences of celebrating Thanksgiving in different countries or tell the difference between Canadian and Korean Thanksgiving.

**Language Skills:**

- **Reading:** Comprehension questions and the key vocabulary worksheet
- **Listening:** Listen to the dialog and listen to the student's cultural experience
- **Speaking:** Discuss and share students' experience and opinions
- **Writing:** Write the answers on the worksheet and do a writing homework

**Language Systems:**

- **Phonology:** Recognize the words in the dialog. The students say their answers on the worksheet and the teacher monitors their pronunciation.
- **Lexis:** Learn new vocabulary in the dialog and through the worksheet (harvest, Thanksgiving, and festival).
- **Grammar:** Do the writing homework keeping the grammar rules (However, no grammar point is highlighted/taught in the lesson).
- **Function:** Use vocabulary in a given situation.
- **Discourse:** Share personal experience with groups to practice the conversation.

**Assumptions:**

Students already know:

- How the class is set up and run
- The teacher's style of teaching and the pace of the course
- All students are adults at the age of 30s
- All students have travelled abroad

**Anticipated Errors and Solutions:**

Students may not know vocabulary words in the story.

- ➔ Encourage the students to guess from context.

Students may be confused about the spellings of certain words.

- ➔ Raspberry (x) / raspberry (o); potatoe (x) / potato (o); church (x) / church (o)

The post-activity may finish earlier than expectation.

- ➔ Review today's topic and gets the students' feeling.

If time is short,

- ➔ Cut reviewing today's topic and reduce the number of the students sharing their opinion.

If the dialog is too difficult for the students,

- ➔ Chunk the reading/listening.

If the students finish their tasks earlier than expected,

- ➔ Ask as many students as possible about their experiences of different cultures.

**References:**

- *432 Canadian Thanksgiving (n.d.). In ello. Retrieved 16 November 2015, <http://www.ello.org/english/0400/432-Thanksgiving.htm>*
- *Learn English Spelling (n.d.). In LEO Network. Retrieved 23 November, 2015, <http://www.learnenglish.de/spelling/commonspellingmistakes.html>*

**Notes:** None.

<b>Presentation:</b>			
<b>Aims:</b> SWBAT record new vocabulary in the dialog.		<b>Materials:</b> White board and marker MP3 file with 2 people's dialog on Thanksgiving MP3 player 8 copies of worksheet #1	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Set Up</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
5 min	Whole Class	Answering questions.	<p>Writes the list of items related to Thanksgiving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- harvest festival, turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce</li> </ul> <p>(T points out the common spelling error, Raspberry (x) / raspberry (o))</p> <p><b>&lt;Greeting&gt;</b> Hello, guys! How are you? How was your weekend? Is there anyone who wants to share something interesting you did? (Give 1-2 minutes and listen what they answer or if no one talks, T shares her experience and ask some questions to Ss.)</p>
3 min	Whole Class	Answering questions.	<p><b>&lt;Eliciting and Prediction&gt;</b> (Showing Ss lists on the board to elicit the topic) Take look at the list on the board. What comes to your mind? (get Ss' ideas and write them on the board)</p> <p><b>&lt;Guiding Questions&gt;</b> What do you eat on Thanksgiving day? Do you know when Canadian Thanksgiving is?</p>
7 min	Whole Class	Listening to the dialog.	<p><b>&lt;Instruction&gt;</b> (T writes the title, 'Canadian Thanksgiving' on the board.) Okay, we are going to listen to a dialog of 2 people talking about Canadian Thanksgiving today. (T writes the topic on the board.) While you listen to the dialog, you need to fill in the blank in the worksheet that I just gave you. Write the words you hear in the dialog. (Give 2 minutes for Ss to finish their worksheets)</p>
<b>Notes:</b> None.			

<b>Practice:</b>			
<b>Aims:</b> SWBAT read out the dialog with the vocabularies filled in through the dictation. SWBAT answer to the comprehension questions of the dialog.		<b>Materials:</b> 8 copies of worksheet #1	
Time	Set Up	Student	Teacher
5 min	Pairs	Practicing the dialog and comparing their answers with each other.	<b>&lt;Instruction&gt;</b> Now compare your answers with your partner, who's sitting next to you, by reading out the dialog. One person will be Matt, and the other one will be Rachel. I will give you guys 5 minutes.  <b>&lt;ICQ&gt;</b> Who are you working with? How much time do you have?
10 min	Individually, Whole class	Read out the sentences again.	<b>&lt;Instruction&gt;</b> Let's read out the dialog again with the answers. Take turns for each line. <i>Student 1</i> you go first. (Ss read each line in turns and T writes the answers in the board.) (Select 3-4 words from the board and elicit the meaning from the students.) (Explain the meaning if Ss don't know.)
5 min	Whole class	Answering the questions.	<b>&lt;Comprehension Questions&gt;</b> What do they talk about? (Ss Answer: Canadian Thanksgiving) Does only America celebrate Thanksgiving? (Ss Answer: No.) Is Canada the origin of Thanksgiving holiday? (Ss Answer: No.) When is Canadian Thanksgiving? (Ss Answer: The first Sunday in October.) What is the same as American Thanksgiving? (Ss Answer: Eat turkey.) Why did Matt like Thanksgiving? (Ss Answer: He didn't need to go to school, eat lots of food, etc.) What does Rachel talk about?

			(Ss Answer: Harvest festival in UK.) Do we have a similar holiday in Korea? What is it? (Ss Answer: Yes; Chuseok.)
<b>Notes:</b> None.			
<b>Production:</b>			
<b>Aims:</b> SWBAT listen to the favorite holiday of their partner and present it to the class.			<b>Materials:</b> None.
<b>Time</b>	<b>Set Up</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
5 min	Pairs Individually	Speaking with the partners.	<b><u>Free Production</u></b> <b>&lt;Instruction&gt;</b> Let's talk about your favorite holidays - when it is, what you like to do, food, and so on. Discuss with your partners for 5 minutes and then you will tell us about your partner's favorite holiday.  <b>&lt;CCQ&gt;</b> Who do you need to tell about your favorite holiday? How long do you have to discuss with your partner? (Ss work in pairs and talk about their favorite one. T monitors each group and participates within their conversation.)
5 min	Whole class	Speaking of what they hear from their partners in turns.	<b>&lt;Instruction&gt;</b> <i>Student 1</i> , do you want to start with <i>Student 2's</i> favorite holiday? (Take of 4-5 if running out of time.)
<b>Notes:</b> None.			

<b>Post Production:</b>			
<b>Aims:</b> SWBAT write about their favorite holiday.		<b>Materials:</b> White board and marker 8 copies of homework #1	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Set Up</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
5 min	Whole class	Answering the questions.	<p><b><u>Conclude lesson</u></b></p> <p>(T elicits 3-4 vocabulary word from the dialog.)</p> <p>For homework, write 2 or 3 paragraphs on the holidays. There are 5 topics on the worksheet. You need to choose one and write about it.</p> <p>(Write the homework on the board and distribute the homework worksheet)</p> <p>What did we find out about Canadian Thanksgiving?</p> <p>How was Britain's harvest festival different?</p> <p><b>&lt;ICQ&gt;</b></p> <p>For homework, how many paragraphs do you need to write?</p> <p>Are you writing about all 5 topics?</p> <p><b>&lt;Closing&gt;</b></p> <p>Did you enjoy the dialog today? Was it difficult?</p> <p>When is Canadian Thanksgiving?</p> <p>(Dismiss the class if there's no question.)</p> <p>Good job, guys!</p> <p>See you tomorrow. Have a nice day.</p>
<b>Notes:</b> None.			

**Script: Canadian Thanksgiving (3:26)**

Matt shares and compares Canada's version of Thanksgiving.

**Rachel:** So what's your favorite holiday in your country, Canada?

**Matt:** Canada, well, there's so many holidays but they really match a lot of other countries'. One holiday I really like though is Thanksgiving.

**Rachel:** Really, do you celebrate that in Canada?

**Matt:** Yeah, we do, we do. It's the first Sunday in October, and it'll always work out to be a long weekend.

**Rachel:** Right.

**Matt:** So, it was one of my favorite holidays because a lot of people end up going away. And, it was nice, you start the school year, it's the first big holiday, and you go away with your family, and have a chance to eat lots of food and stuff, so it was always one of my favorite holidays for those reasons.

**Rachel:** Yeah. I thought only America celebrated Thanksgiving. So that's really interesting.

**Matt:** Well yeah, to be honest, I don't know where the origin of the Canadian one is, I think it may be a copy from our neighbors.

**Rachel:** Right.

**Matt:** But, it happens about a month earlier.

**Rachel:** Yeah. So was that the first? Was there a ship of immigrants that landed in Canada first? Before, you know...

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**Rachel:** Yeah. Cool. And do you exchange gifts at that time, or?

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### **Homework #1: Canadian Thanksgiving**

Choose a topic and write about 200 words.

1. Do you like holidays that revolve around food or gifts? Why?
2. What holiday meal is your favorite? Why?
3. Do you celebrate any harvest festival? How is it different from Canadian Thanksgiving?
4. Have you ever had turkey with all the trimmings? When and where did you have it? How was it?
5. What holidays do your neighboring countries celebrate? Describe.

**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

(200 words)