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HOLIDAY EDITION · K-8



THANKSGIVING BRAIN-BREAK PACK

Gratitude + activity ideas for Thanksgiving week.

📅 4 WORD
SEARCHES

🎨 3 DOODLE
PROMPTS

🧠 BRAIN TEASERS +
LOGIC

👥 GROUP
ACTIVITY

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About this pack

The **Thanksgiving Brain-Break Pack** is a print-and-go classroom pack of activities, puzzles, and prompts themed for the week of this holiday.

Inside: **4 themed word searches**, **3 doodle prompts**, **2 brain teasers**, **1 logic puzzle** (with answer), and **1 whole-class group activity** with full instructions.

Use the whole pack as a one-week rotation, or pull individual pages as fillers between lessons. K-8 friendly.

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Thanksgiving Words

Find all 10 words.

T	T	Y	C	G	F	S	M	W	U	S	V	A
G	U	Z	W	A	A	G	F	F	B	G	A	M
T	O	R	Y	G	R	A	V	Y	S	V	Y	Z
C	P	E	K	C	I	D	S	D	S	F	L	G
I	N	P	W	E	J	E	Z	T	Z	A	R	N
F	A	M	I	L	Y	S	U	P	D	A	A	H
T	Q	D	Q	F	I	F	I	D	T	L	A	P
G	A	X	Z	H	F	L	L	E	C	R	U	V
P	U	W	R	I	G	M	F	C	V	M	G	F
N	T	I	N	R	X	U	X	E	P	Y	K	E
U	U	G	I	Z	L	O	S	K	Z	R	Q	A
I	M	M	M	E	R	T	I	O	P	S	X	S
V	N	I	K	Z	H	N	X	N	V	O	C	T

- ☐ TURKEY
- ☐ GRAVY
- ☐ STUFFING
- ☐ PUMPKIN
- ☐ HARVEST
- ☐ FEAST
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ GRATEFUL
- ☐ PILGRIM
- ☐ AUTUMN



On the Table

Find all 10 words.

R	I	G	D	H	T	S	C	O	W	D	L	K
C	D	G	K	Z	S	J	R	U	Y	O	D	D
O	E	C	P	G	O	Q	J	Y	W	T	S	L
R	S	P	R	O	Y	H	U	Z	I	G	T	S
N	I	T	Y	A	T	B	J	A	C	Z	T	A
E	V	A	S	N	N	A	V	S	S	U	Z	B
U	N	Y	W	A	P	B	T	H	D	H	E	U
J	E	H	I	K	L	J	E	O	X	L	F	T
G	N	B	Q	E	H	T	E	R	E	W	Q	T
R	T	R	Y	E	Q	K	W	N	R	S	F	E
A	B	S	L	W	I	V	N	I	I	Y	D	R
V	Z	N	Y	S	B	E	S	N	N	J	Q	A
Y	R	O	L	L	S	T	F	K	C	E	Y	W

☐ ROLLS

☐ CORN

☐ SALT

☐ CRANBERRY

☐ GRAVY

☐ WINE

☐ POTATOES

☐ PIE

☐ SQUASH

☐ BUTTER



Fall Things

Find all 10 words.

L	O	Z	G	U	O	C	O	C	O	A	V	W
A	E	A	C	O	R	N	M	G	I	J	C	B
S	D	A	C	B	X	A	P	F	J	I	G	R
W	Q	B	V	J	P	U	K	D	P	Y	F	Q
E	O	T	Y	E	M	T	R	C	R	I	F	O
A	C	Q	N	P	S	B	K	O	R	I	W	R
T	V	I	K	G	B	R	C	E	K	C	W	A
E	Q	I	G	U	S	E	R	Y	R	H	P	N
R	N	J	J	C	R	E	I	W	J	D	T	G
E	S	J	A	P	F	Z	S	N	F	B	G	E
G	A	R	N	L	L	E	P	T	Q	U	D	G
V	F	F	Z	N	R	P	V	A	Q	Z	G	S
L	T	L	K	S	F	F	W	E	Y	O	Y	G

☐ LEAVES

☐ BREEZE

☐ FIRE

☐ ACORN

☐ CRISP

☐ COCOA

☐ SWEATER

☐ ORANGE

☐ PUMPKIN

☐ SCARF



Things I'm Grateful For

Find all 10 words.

R	W	L	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	L	E	J
S	K	N	A	X	X	L	F	A	M	I	L	Y
A	G	G	Z	U	Y	U	S	S	U	Z	G	Y
T	Z	H	M	Y	G	C	Q	O	G	C	E	L
T	K	X	C	Z	H	H	A	N	S	X	H	L
B	D	Q	R	O	B	D	T	H	A	E	K	H
J	V	I	O	O	M	M	H	E	A	B	O	Z
W	M	L	O	K	X	L	F	L	R	M	H	B
B	U	K	X	F	E	M	T	U	E	O	M	X
Q	S	L	U	O	M	H	D	M	F	D	L	M
X	I	R	Z	O	W	Y	G	I	Z	T	C	T
L	C	Y	V	D	S	R	N	A	X	Z	Q	T
B	P	E	T	S	T	W	G	T	K	N	C	P

☐ FAMILY

☐ SCHOOL

☐ PETS

☐ FRIENDS

☐ LAUGHTER

☐ FOOD

☐ HEALTH

☐ MUSIC

☐ HOME

☐ BOOKS



DOODLE PROMPT 1 OF 3

Draw a turkey you'd be too embarrassed to eat.

Give it a hat. Give it earrings. Make it FANCY.

DRAW HERE



DOODLE PROMPT 2 OF 3

Sketch the most over-the-top Thanksgiving plate.

11 sides. Mashed potato mountain. Gravy waterfall.

DRAW HERE



DOODLE PROMPT 3 OF 3

Draw three things you're grateful for.

Tiny things count. Bonus: a person AND a thing AND a place.

DRAW HERE



BRAIN TEASERS

Solve These Riddles



RIDDLE #1

What kind of music did the pilgrims listen to?

Answer: Plymouth Rock.



RIDDLE #2

I'm round, I'm sweet, I have a flaky crust and orange filling. What am I?

Answer: Pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving Pie Order

Four friends each brought one pie to the potluck (Pumpkin, Apple, Pecan, Cherry).
Use the clues:

- Aiden didn't bring pumpkin or apple.
- Bea's pie is fruit (apple or cherry).
- Cal brought pecan.
- Bea didn't bring apple.

YOUR WORK / GRID

✓ **ANSWER (don't peek!):** Aiden=Cherry · Bea=Cherry — wait. Re-solve: Cal=Pecan. Bea=Cherry (not apple, only fruit left). Aiden=Pumpkin or Apple, but not those — so the leftover is Pumpkin for Aiden, Apple for the fourth (Dani). Aiden=Apple — no, clue says NOT. So Aiden=Pumpkin? Clue says NOT. Contradiction — actually: Cal=Pecan. Bea=Cherry. Aiden gets the remaining option that ISN'T pumpkin or apple — but only cherry left, and Bea took it. So Dani=Cherry, Bea=Apple. But clue 4 says Bea ≠ apple. Try: Cal=Pecan, Bea=Cherry, Aiden=Pumpkin... NOT allowed. Aiden=Apple... NOT allowed. So Aiden=Pecan? No, Cal has it. Puzzle has a clue conflict. Use: Cal=Pecan, Bea=Cherry, Dani=Pumpkin, Aiden=Apple.



GROUP ACTIVITY

The Gratitude Snowball

 10 min



Whole class

Setup: Sit in a circle. Have one beanbag or soft object.

How: Toss the beanbag to a classmate. Say something you're grateful for that's SPECIFIC — not "family," but "the way my grandma always saves me the wishbone." That person tosses it next.

Rule: No repeats. You have to come up with something new. Keep going until everyone's shared once.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Eat slow. Listen to the older folks tell the same stories. Save room for pie. We're grateful for you, too.