Thanksgiving worksheets for kids

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Peabody has six free Thanksgiving worksheets: bingo, a word search, a crossword, a maze, a secret code and a dot-to-dot. Each comes in four sizes, from preschool to 8th grade, and prints on plain paper, with answers for the puzzles. Below, they're sorted by grade, with what each practices and about how long it takes.

- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Bingo · What it practices: Matching pictures and listening, on a three-by-three card · About how long: 10 minutes a game
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Counting in order from 1, with about ten dots to join · About how long: 5 minutes
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Maze · What it practices: Holding a pencil and planning a route on a small, wide-path maze · About how long: 5 minutes
- Grade: Preschool to K · Print: Word search · What it practices: Finding letters in order: four short words with a picture beside each · About how long: 5 to 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Word search · What it practices: Scanning and spelling, with six words across, down and on a slant · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Spelling short words, with a picture for every clue · About how long: 10 to 15 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Letter knowledge: a short message in shapes, with the whole key on the sheet · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 1st and 2nd · Print: Bingo · What it practices: Reading words beside the pictures, on a four-by-four card · About how long: 15 minutes a game
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Vocabulary: nine words with clues to read, and the first letter as a help · About how long: 15 to 20 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Alphabet order: each letter moved along by a number you're told · About how long: 15 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Skip counting by twos, across about 44 dots · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 3rd to 5th · Print: Maze · What it practices: Planning ahead on a twelve-by-twelve maze · About how long: 10 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Crossword · What it practices: Vocabulary and spelling: thirteen longer words crossed together · About how long: 20 to 25 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Secret code · What it practices: Working a problem by trying things: the shift is a secret, so turn the wheel until it reads · About how long: 15 to 20 minutes
- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Word search · What it practices: Careful scanning: twelve words in every direction, backwards too · About how long: 15 minutes

- Grade: 6th to 8th · Print: Dot-to-dot · What it practices: Skip counting by threes, fours, fives or tens, across about 80 dots · About how long: 15 minutes

The minutes are our own estimates for one child working alone, not timings from a classroom. A confident reader may race through a sheet, and a careful one may take twice as long, which is fine.

If you're printing for a class

For the last afternoon before the break, start with bingo, because the whole room plays at once and nobody can finish early. Print gives you six different cards and a page of calling cards to cut out. If you have 24 students, run four copies of each card: a few children will shout at the same moment, which is more fun than one winner. Caller mode turns your phone into the caller, so you can walk around while it runs.

Then keep a stack of something quiet for whoever is done. A word search makes good morning work, and a crossword suits a sub folder, since it needs no explaining. Answers come last in each print, so choose page 1 in the print dialog for the class set and keep one full copy for yourself. Two groups in the room? A link opens at the size in the table above, and you can change the size on the sheet itself.

Every sheet has a button for a new one, so you can print a different maze for each table if copying is the problem you're trying to solve.

If you're printing for home

Set one at each place at the kids' table about twenty minutes before you expect to eat. A maze and a dot-to-dot need nothing but a pencil and don't need a grown-up to explain them, so they buy you time with the gravy. The secret code hides the punchline of a turkey joke, and a ten-year-old will happily read it out to everyone once it's cracked. An older cousin can run bingo from a phone while the younger ones mark their cards with crayons. Skip beans or cereal as markers if anyone at the table is under three.

They travel well, too. A clipboard and one maze can get a child through a long drive to a relative's house, and the sizes mean a sister in kindergarten and a brother in 5th grade can each have their own without either feeling left out.

How to pick the size

The grades in the table are a place to start, not a rule. If a child sighs at the first clue, press Easy or Medium and nobody needs to mention it. If a 2nd grader flies through the shape code, try the Hard one, where a wheel shows how far each letter moved. Bingo's Hard card is five by five with a free middle, and its Super card drops the pictures and uses words alone.

What's on them, and what isn't

The sheets stay with turkeys, pies, parades, football, family dinners and thank-yous. They are practice and a bit of fun, not a lesson or a test, and nothing is marked or sent to us. Thanksgiving in the United States is the fourth Thursday of November, and Canada's is in October, so the sheets are ready for either. For something to play out loud, Thanksgiving classroom games has whole-class games that need no preparation, and the Thanksgiving coloring pages suit a child who would rather color than solve.

Questions teachers and parents ask

Are these Thanksgiving worksheets free?

Yes. Peabody is free through the end of 2027, with no ads, and printing a sheet doesn't ask anyone to sign up.

Will they work on a black-and-white copier?

Yes. They're made to read in black and white, on Letter or A4. On a color printer the small pictures on the bingo cards and the easy puzzles come out in color.

Can children do them on a screen instead?

Yes. Each one also works on a tablet or a Chromebook: drag along the maze, tap the crossword's boxes, or play a bingo card while Peabody reads each call aloud.

Which one should I print if I only have time for one?

Bingo for a group, and the maze for one child. Both work at every age, and neither needs reading at the Easy size.

Free at peabody.kids/holidays/thanksgiving/worksheets