

Student Life Thanksgiving Quiz - Answers!



Round 1: Thanksgiving

- 1) False - Canadians also celebrate Thanksgiving, but their holiday is in October.
- 2) Americans trace their Thanksgiving celebration to a three-day feast between pilgrims and native Americans in 1621, one year after the pilgrims arrived.
- 3) False. Although many Christians pray on Thanksgiving, it is actually a harvest celebration.
- 4) Israel. Most residents don't eat pork products and beef is hard to farm on the terrain, so turkey is commonly used.
- 5) Black Friday, which got its name for helping put retailers back in "the black" or out of debt.

Round 2: Harvest

- 1) Moon Festival. The festival is traditionally a time to enjoy the successful reaping of rice and wheat with food offerings made in honour of the moon. Today, it is still an occasion for outdoor reunions among friends and relatives to eat mooncakes and watch the moon, a symbol of harmony and unity.
- 2) Matariki, otherwise known as Maori New Year. It is named after a cluster of stars that can be seen just before dawn in early May.
- 3) Marigolds, the traditional flowers of the dead, are used throughout El Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. Celebrated in Mexico and other Latin American countries on November 2—with festivities often beginning on October 31—the day of remembrance and offering blends Christianity and pre-Columbian ritual.
- 4) During the Hungry Ghost Festival—celebrated during the seventh month of the lunar New Year—fake paper money is burned as an offering to ghosts said to arrive from the underworld. Known as Yue Lan and observed primarily in China, Malaysia, and Singapore, the festival features performances and special food to feed restless spirits.
- 5) Saint Barbara—whose feast day is celebrated by Arab Christians in Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine—is said to have worn many disguises to elude persecutors after converting to Christianity. On December 3, the eve of Saint Barbara's, children wear costumes and sing for neighbours in return for sweets or small amounts of money.

Round 3: Food and drink

- 1) Libya
- 2) 270
- 3) 6 pints
- 4) 27 million
- 5) Bedtime

Round 4: Hunger and Poverty

1. 1 in every 7 people goes to bed hungry each night. According to the World Food Programme.
2. False. Approximately 60% of the world's hungry are women and one-fifth are under the age of five.
3. Asia and the Pacific, which is home to 578 million of the world's hungry, compared to 239 million in Sub-Saharan Africa and 53 million in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Every year, consumers in rich countries waste almost as much food (222 million tonnes) as the entire net food production of sub-Saharan Africa (230 million tonnes).
5. The answer is the population of the US, Canada, and the EU combined. The number of malnourished people worldwide is just under 1 billion people—nearly a seventh of the global population.

Round 5: Countries

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| 1. India | 12. Germany |
| 2. Scotland | 13. Switzerland |
| 3. Canada | 14. Egypt |
| 4. Australia | 15. France |
| 5. Spain | 16. Italy |
| 6. USA | 17. Russia |
| 7. Brazil | 18. Sri Lanka |
| 8. China | 19. Turkey |
| 9. New Zealand | 20. Japan |
| 10. Greece | |
| 11. South Africa | |