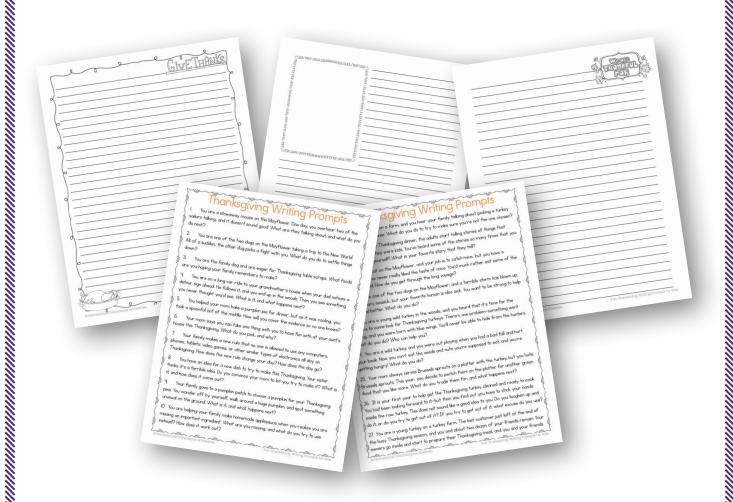
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Fun Thanksgiving Writing Prompts for Kids







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- I. You are a stowaway mouse on the Mayflower. One day, you overhear two of the sailors talking, and it doesn't sound good. What are they talking about, and what do you do next?
- 2. You are one of the two dogs on the Mayflower taking a trip to the New World. All of a sudden, the other dog picks a fight with you. What do you do to settle things down?
- 3. You are the family dog and are eager for Thanksgiving table scraps. What foods are you hoping your family remembers to make?
- 4. You are on a long car ride to your grandmother's house when your dad notices a detour sign ahead. He follows it, and you end up in the woods. Then you see something you never thought you'd see. What is it, and what happens next?
- 5. You helped your mom bake a pumpkin pie for dinner, but as it was cooling, you took a spoonful out of the middle. How will you cover the evidence so no one knows?
- 6. Your mom says you can take one thing with you to have fun with at your aunt's house this Thanksgiving. What do you pick, and why?
- 7. Your family makes a new rule that no one is allowed to use any computers, phones, tablets, video games, or other similar types of electronics all day on Thanksgiving. How does the new rule change your day? How does the day go?
- 8. You have an idea for a new dish to try to make this Thanksgiving. Your sister thinks it's a terrible idea. Do you convince your mom to let you try to make it? What is it, and how does it come out?
- 9. Your family goes to a pumpkin patch to choose a pumpkin for your Thanksgiving pies. You wander off by yourself, walk around a huge pumpkin, and spot something unusual on the ground. What is it, and what happens next?
- 10. You are helping your family make homemade applesauce when you realize you are missing an important ingredient. What are you missing, and what do you try to use instead? How does it work out?

- II. You have the family cookbook open and are following a recipe to make your family's favorite dish, but somehow, the page gets turned while you are working. You don't realize it and start to follow the wrong recipe. What are you trying to make, and how does everything turn out? Do you catch your mistake in time?
- 12. It is your first Thanksgiving since you moved here from another country, and your friend is trying to tell you what all the traditions mean. You think some of them sound a little strange! What tradition does his family have that you think is the strangest of them all?
- 13. Your eight cousins are coming to stay with you for the Thanksgiving holiday, which means you have to share your room with two of them. Normally, you enjoy seeing your cousins, but you really don't want to share your room this year. Why is this year different, and what happens when they arrive?
- III. Your family ordered a "fresh" turkey for Thanksgiving, but they didn't realize that it meant it was so fresh that it was still alive! What do you do?
- 15. You decide to build a model of the Mayflower to use as a centerpiece for your dinner gatable. What do you make it out of, and what happens as you build it? Does everything go smoothly, or do some things go wrong?
- 16. You're having a big family get together, and there are place cards showing everyone where to sit. You don't realize until everyone sits down that two of your aunts are sitting together—and they just had a big fight. How do you help your family out of this awkward situation?
- 17. When you start to set the place cards out for everyone at dinner, you notice there are several cards with names of people you don't recognize. Who are these mystery guests, and who invited them? Do they show up for dinner? What happens next?
- 18. You wake up in the morning on Thanksgiving and are ready to start cooking when all of a sudden, the power goes out! You can't cook or heat anything now, and the power looks like it will be out all day. What food do you have at your house that you can use to make an unusual Thanksgiving dinner? How do you make the day special with the sudden change in plans?

- 19. You are a turkey on a farm, and you hear your family talking about picking a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. What do you do to try to make sure you're not the one chosen?
-) 20. Every year at Thanksgiving dinner, the adults start telling stories of things that happened when they were kids. You've heard some of the stories so many times that you sould tell them yourself! What is your favorite story that they tell?
 - 21. You are a cat on the Mayflower, and your job is to catch mice, but you have a problem. You've never really liked the taste of mice. You'd much rather eat some of the Pilgrims' food. How do you get through the long voyage?
- 22. You are one of the two dogs on the Mayflower, and a terrible storm has blown up. 3 You are very seasick, but your favorite human is also sick. You want to be strong to help them feel better. What do you do?
- 23. You are a young wild turkey in the woods, and you heard that it's time for the hunters to come look for Thanksgiving turkeys. There's one problem—something went wrong, and you were born with blue wings. You'll never be able to hide from the hunters.
 What do you do? Who can help you?
 - 24. You are a wild turkey, and you were out playing when you had a bad fall and hurt your beak. Now you can't eat the seeds and nuts you're supposed to eat, and you're getting hungry! What do you do?
 - 25. Your mom always serves Brussels sprouts on a platter with the turkey, but you hate Brussels sprouts. This year, you decide to switch them on the platter for another green food that you like more. What do you trade them for, and what happens next?
 - 26. It is your first year to help get the Thanksgiving turkey cleaned and ready to cook. You had been looking forward to it—but then you find out you have to stick your hands inside the raw turkey. This does not sound like a good idea to you. Do you toughen up and do it, or do you try to get out of it? If you try to get out of it, what excuse do you use?
 - 27. You are a young turkey on a turkey farm. The last customer just left at the end of the busy Thanksgiving season, and you and about two dozen of your friends remain. Your owners go inside and start to prepare their Thanksgiving meal, and you and your friends

decide to have your own football game. What position do you play, and how does the game go?

- 28. Last week, your sister tried to lift the heavy, frozen turkey out of the big freezer case at the store and accidentally dropped it on your foot! You broke your toe, and now you are on crutches. Your sister feels terrible and has offered to wait on you all through Thanksgiving. What do you do? Do you take advantage of her offer? How does Thanksgiving go?
- 29. You're asked to play the turkey in a Thanksgiving play, but when it is time to perform, you discover there is a wing missing from your costume. What do you do to cover up that fact and perform in the play?
- 30. You are a turkey on a family farm, and your owners have all gone to bed. You are just settling down for the night when you hear a noise. You hear it again. What is it? Is it danger? What do you do, and what happens next?
- 31. You and your family have just finished your Thanksgiving meal, and you are stuffed! There was so much good food! This year, your family wants to start a new tradition after the meal. What tradition is it, and how does it go?
- 32. You are a turkey, but you have a secret. You are also a superhero. When no one is looking, you dash off to save the day on a regular basis. Today is no different. Who gets into trouble, and how do you help?
- 33. You are a turkey and really don't want to be picked for Thanksgiving dinner this year. You try some disguises so no one will notice you. What disguises do you try? Do they work?
- 34. Your little brother lost his tooth while you were all in the kitchen getting Thanksgiving ready. No one can find it, and you are afraid it ended up in one of the dishes. What do you do, and what happens next?
- 35. You are baby turkey who has just poked through its shell. What is your first day in the outside world like?

- 36. Your mom asked you to help your little sister with her turkey craft while she gets lunch ready. The one thing she does not want her to use is the glitter, which happens to be your sister's favorite thing to use. How does craft time go? Does she get the glitter, or do you find clever ways to keep her busy without it?
- 37. It's the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, and you are one of the kids who helped build the tables for everyone to use. While the food is being set out, you notice one of the tables has a wobbly leg. What do you do?
- 38. Your homeschool group is putting on a play for Thanksgiving, and you have to help. What is your job? Do you like it? How does the play go?
- 39. You want to make a new dessert for Thanksgiving. You want the dessert to look like something that is a symbol of Thanksgiving. What do you make, and what does it look like? What do you make it from?
- 40. You are supposed to make a list of twenty-five things you are thankful for, but you get stuck after you write the first ten. What do you do to help you think of more?
- 41. Everyone is at the table for Thanksgiving dinner, and you realize you have forgotten an important piece of the dinner. What is missing, and what do you do?
- 42. Everyone is taking turns around the table saying what they are thankful for, and you suddenly get the hiccups. What do you do to try not to interrupt? What happens next?
- 43. You decide to play a joke on everyone this Thanksgiving, so you scramble the letters in everyone's name on the place cards for dinner. What happens when everyone sees what you did?
- 44. You really don't like the bean casserole your aunt brings every single year to Thanksgiving dinner. You are running out of excuses not to eat it without hurting her feelings. What excuse do you try this year? Does it work?

- 45. Every year, your uncle who works at a music store brings a new instrument to Thanksgiving dinner to play. This year, he brings the strangest instrument you have ever seen. What is it, and what does it sound like? Do you give playing it a try?
- 46. You are a young Pilgrim doing chores on the morning of the first Thanksgiving. When you are collecting the eggs, you slip on something nasty and get your clothes filthy. What does your mom say, and how do you get cleaned up in time for dinner?
- 47. Everyone is getting ready to watch the big football game on television, but you are really not a fan of football. Still, your mom says everyone has to spend the day together in the living room. What do you do while everyone is watching the game?
- 48. You are one of the Pilgrims who has just landed. It's finally your turn to go on shore. What is the first thing you do?
- 49. You fall asleep after a long, busy Thanksgiving and have the craziest, wackiest dream. What do you dream about?
- 50. You really get mad when people call Thanksgiving "Turkey Day." This year, you decide to remind people why Thanksgiving is about more than turkey. What do you do?



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