

adapted from “The First Thanksgiving”
from *Of Plymouth Plantation*
by William Bradford

This is a letter from Edward Winslow to a friend in England. He wrote it on December 11, 1621. It describes the first Thanksgiving.

We finished bringing in our crops. Our governor sent four men out to hunt for the day. He wanted to have a special holiday since we finished gathering our food. The hunters killed enough birds to feed everyone for almost a week. We did add other things to the meal besides meat. We had a fun time, and many of the Indians came too. Chief Massasoit and about ninety men came. For three days we played and ate together. The Indians killed five deer. They brought them to the plantation and gave them to our leaders.

1. Edward Winslow was writing to whom?
2. How many men went out to hunt?
3. Who was the Indians' leader?
4. What did the Indians bring to the Pilgrim leaders?
5. How many years ago was this letter written?