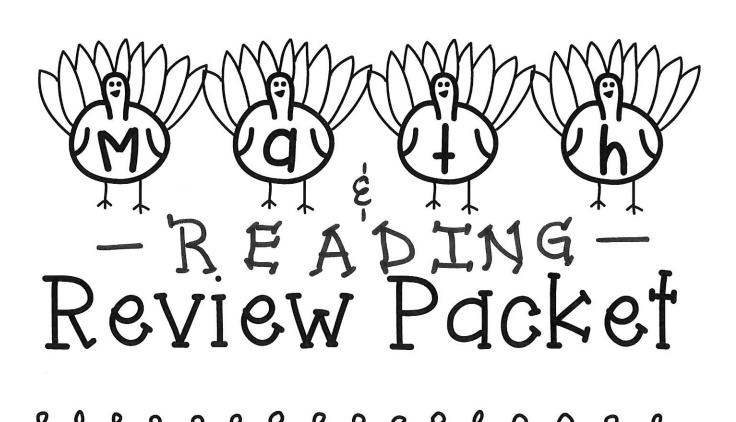
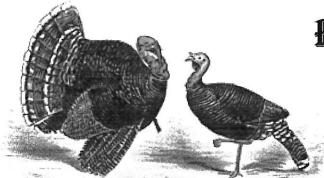
# My Thanksgiving Day



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### TURKEY FACTS READING SELECTION

Directions: Read the selection and then answer the accompanying questions which follow.

#### Tom Turkey & Hen

#### Vocabulary

Game bird Tom Gobbler Plumage Snood Caruncle Thanksgiving brings to mind a familiar sight, the turkey. Yet, few of us have stopped to think about the bird before the feast. So here are some tidbits of trivia which you can relate to family and friends to showcase your knowledge of the season.

#### What are turkeys?

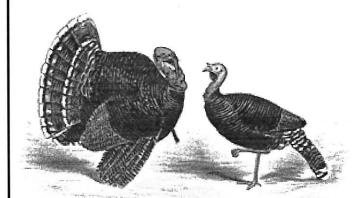
Turkeys are a large type of bird favored by many hunters. In fact, they are the largest game bird found in North America. The wild turkey is native to the forests of the United States. Domestic turkeys are descendants of wild turkeys.

#### What do wild turkeys look like?

Most of the pictures we see are of male turkeys, called <u>toms</u> or <u>gobblers</u>. Only the toms have the fan-like tails and the well-known "gobble" call. The females, called hens, are smaller and less fancy in appearance than the males. Most turkeys are brownish in coloration.

Males have brightly tinted feathers with hints or orange, copper, and green. Their have no <u>plumage</u>, or feathers, on their heads. Amazingly, their heads can change color in a matter of seconds from red to white or blue during the mating season. Females are not as pretty. Their plumage is a dull shade of brown and their heads are a dull grayish-blue.

Both male and female turkeys have a growth of flesh which hangs from their beaks. This is called a <u>snood</u>. Males have large snoods, while females have smaller ones. They also have fleshy growths on their heads called caruncles.



# TURKEY FACTS READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Circle the best answer for each question.

#### Tom Turkey & Hen

- 1. What is a game bird?
  - a. A prize won at a carnival
  - b. A bird sought after by hunters
  - c. A bird that has a very gamey taste when cooked
- 2. What is the largest game bird in North America?
  - a. The Bald Eagle
- b. The Great Horned Owl
- c. The Turkey
- 3. The turkeys we eat at Thanksgiving are identical to the wild ones which are found in the woods.
  - a. Yes, they are identical.
  - No, wild turkeys are not related to the turkeys we eat at Thanksgiving.
  - c. No, the turkeys we eat at Thanksgiving are domesticated versions of the wild turkey.
- 4. This word is a synonym for feathers.
  - a. Plumage
- o. Fluff
- c. Snood
- 5. How are turkeys like chameleons?
  - a. Turkeys are reptiles.
  - b. Turkeys bask in the sun.
  - c. Turkeys heads change color.
- 6. What unusual body part can you find on male and female turkeys but not on other birds?
  - a. Spurs
- b. Snoods
- c. Beaks

Caruncles
Eye
Snood
Beak

#### **Turkey Anatomy Close-Up**

#### TURKEY FACTS READING SELECTION

Directions: Read the selection and then answer the accompanying questions which follow.

#### Vocabulary

Wattle

Beard Spur Courtship Gobble

#### What is the purpose of the turkey's snood?

No one knows for sure. It is commonly thought that the snood plays some role in attracting a mate. Turkey hens seem to prefer the males with longer snoods. Perhaps only the turkeys really know.

Beyond this, the snood plays a role in "talking" turkey. The snood moves in and out at will, or is retractable. It can also change colors according to the turkey's mood. We may not know the intended message, but other turkeys certainly do understand.

#### How are turkeys like cowboys?

Turkeys wear beards and have spurs! That's right, male turkeys have a group of long, thin feathers at their chest which is called a <u>beard</u>. At maturity, their beards are nearly 9 inches in length.

Male turkeys also have <u>spurs</u> on their rust-colored legs. Each spur is in addition to their four toes, and grows on the back of each of their legs. A spur can grow to 2 inches in length and is razor-sharp. Turkeys, like roosters, use their spurs to protect themselves and their mates from predators. They also establish dominance over other competing males with their spurs during courtship.

#### Why do turkeys gobble?

Male turkeys <u>gobble</u> as part of their <u>courtship</u> rituals. In the springtime, the males call out loudly to attract females. They will also fan out their feathers so much that they appear like huge round fluff balls. Hens can gobble, but they rarely do.

Caruncles
Eye
Snood

## TURKEY FACTS READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Circle the best answer for each question.

**Turkey Anatomy Close-Up** 

Beak

Wattle

- 1. What might be the purpose of the snood?
  - a. To attract a mate
  - b. To communicate mood to other turkeys
  - c. To regulate breathing
  - d. Both a and b
- 2. Which has a larger snood, tom turkeys or hens?
  - a. The male, or tom turkey, has a larger snood.
  - b. The female, or hen, has a larger snood.
  - c. They both have the same size snood.
- 3. What is a tom turkey's beard?
  - a. A cluster of hairs at the turkey's chin
  - b. A group of fleshy growths at the turkey's neck
  - c. A collection of long, thin feathers at the turkey's chest
- 4. Why do tom turkeys have spurs?
  - a. To grasp the branches of the trees when they roost
  - b. To show dominance over other males
  - c. To fend off predators
  - d. Both b and c
- 5. Why do turkeys gobble?
  - a. To attract a mate
  - b. To warn predators to stay away
  - c. To clear their throats of mucus





Directions: Read the selection and then answer the accompanying questions which follow.

Turkeys in Flight

#### Vocabulary

Roost Gorge East Indies Cargo

#### Can turkeys fly?

Yes! It is a myth that wild turkeys cannot fly. Turkeys <u>roost</u> in the tops of trees at night and can fly for short spans at rather high speeds. Wild turkeys feed on grains, berries, nuts, plants, and insects at ground level. Therefore, most people assume that since they spend all of their time on the ground, they cannot fly. Not true!

#### Why do turkeys spend so much time on the ground?

Domesticated turkeys raised on farms are purposely fattened up so that they will sell in the supermarkets. They are fed so much that even if they had the room to fly, they weigh too much to be able to do so.

Turkeys have to be trained to eat in small amounts. Their natural inclination is to gorge, or feed until they can no longer eat anymore food. Of course, that sort of "diet" lends itself to long periods on the ground.

#### Why are they called "turkeys"?

The name "Turkey" is actually a mistake in a couple of ways. When the European explorers first came to North America, they mistakenly believed they had reached another part of Asia called the <u>East Indies</u>. The people of Europe assumed that the animals brought home from the New World were native to Asia. The wild turkey of North America was mistakenly believed to be a bird from the country of Turkey.

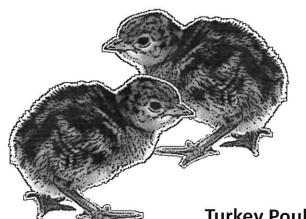
This occurred because the early trading ships carrying domesticated versions of the birds were actually ships originally from Asia. These ships hailed from the Turkish Empire. The ships were known as Turkey ships, and their <u>cargo</u> was referred to as Turkey birds. The name was shortened to turkey.

TURKEY FACTS
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Directions: Circle the best answer for each question.

#### Turkeys in Flight

- 1. Turkeys are flightless birds.
  - a. True b. False
- Why have people assumed that turkeys cannot fly?
  - a. Turkeys do not have obvious flight feathers.
  - b. Turkeys look too heavy to fly.
  - c. Turkeys spend most of their time on the ground feeding.
- 3. Why can't turkeys raised for eating at Thanksgiving fly?
  - a. They are fed so much that they are too heavy to fly.
  - b. They are kept in small pens and do not have the room to fly.
  - Turkeys raised for meat at Thanksgiving can fly just as well as other turkeys.
  - d. Both a and b
- 4. How is the name "Turkey" a mistake?
  - The Europeans believed that the turkey came from the country of Turkey.
  - b. The Europeans incorrectly translated the bird's name from the Powhatan Indian language.
  - c. The Europeans mistakenly believed the birds to be cowardly.
- 5. Why did Europeans make this mistake?
  - It was thought that the early explorers found the East Indies in Asia.
  - b. The birds were brought back to Europe aboard Turkish ships.
  - John Smith spread strange tales of cowardly birds that ran from the colonists.
  - d. Both a and b.



#### TURKEY FACTS READING SELECTION

Directions: Read the selection and then answer the accompanying questions which follow.

**Turkey Poults** 

#### How long have turkeys existed?

Vocabulary

Meleagris Fossil Miocene **Poults** 

The scientific name for the wild turkey is Meleagris. It is a Greek word meaning "guineafowl". Fossils of early turkeys have been found back as far as the early Miocene period. So, turkeys have been around for quite a while. Some archeologists believe them to be over 2 million years old. Turkeys as we know them today are thought to have been domesticated by the Aztec civilization in Mexico and the Hopi Indians of the southwestern United States.

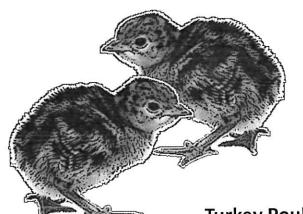
#### How do Turkeys reproduce?

Turkeys, like other birds, hatch from eggs. Hens stay together in large flocks most of the time. During the mating season, these flocks of hens will separate into smaller groups. The tom turkeys join the smaller flocks for a short period of time to mate but then leave before the eggs are hatched. Toms do not stay and help raise the young poults.

Turkey hens are similar to chickens when it comes to laying eggs. They usually produce an egg every other day whether or not there is a tom turkey around. Without the tom turkey, however, the eggs will not hatch. In one breeding season, a turkey farmer can end up with a lot of eggs.

#### Can you eat turkey eggs?

Absolutely! Turkey eggs are larger than chicken eggs and have a richer yolk. If you were blindfolded and fed a bite of both kinds of eggs, it is unlikely that you could tell the difference. You can cook them just like chicken eggs and can even bake with them. Just remember that they are larger, so recipes might need to be adjusted to account for the size difference.

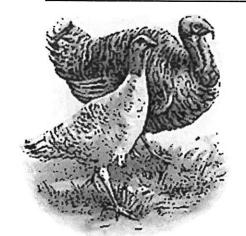


# TURKEY FACTS READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Circle the best answer for each question.

**Turkey Poults** 

- 1. Turkeys have only been around for about 300 years.
  - a. True b. False
- 2. What proof is there that turkeys have existed a long time?
  - a. Fossils b. Cave Paintings c. Cook Books
- 3. Who domesticated the turkey?
  - a. European settlers b. The Aztecs c. The Iroquois Indians
- 4. Turkeys do not hatch from eggs.
  - a. True b. False
- 5. How many eggs can a turkey farmer expect in a breeding season?
  - a. None
  - b. One
  - c. Many
- 6. Why is a turkey hen a better parent than a tom turkey?
  - a. Tom turkeys cannot keep the eggs warm enough to hatch them.
  - b. Tom turkeys do not stay and help raise the poults.
  - c. Tom turkeys are so large that they break the eggs after they are laid.
- 7. You can eat turkey eggs just the same as you would eat chicken eggs.
  - a. True b. False
- 8. You do not have to adjust recipes to account for the fact that turkey eggs are larger than chicken eggs.
  - a. True b. False



### TURKEY FACTS READING SELECTION

Directions: Read the selection and then answer the accompanying questions which follow.

Tom Turkey & Hen

#### How long does it take a turkey to hatch?

Vocabulary

Broody Brood Embryo Hens will wait until they have laid several eggs before they begin to sit on them. A hen who wants to sit on eggs is called <u>broody</u>. This comes from the name given to a group of young birds produced from one hatching, a <u>brood</u>.

It takes about 28 days for the eggs to hatch. During this time, the hen will spend most of her time sitting on the eggs keeping them warm. If the eggs get too cool, then the <a href="mailto:embryos">embryos</a> inside will stop growing and will die. The hen will go out and eat and drink, but will not leave the nest very often. Turkeys will mate and breed as long as they weather is not too harsh. Areas with colder winters will have shorter breading seasons. Areas with warmer climates will have longer ones. During this time, a hen may lay several clutches of eggs and hatch multiple broods of poults.

The young poults reach maturity after they are one year old. Hens can begin laying eggs as early as the spring after they turn six months old.

#### How long do turkeys live?

Wild turkeys must contend with predators and hunters in their environment. Therefore, the average lifespan of a wild turkey is only about 3 years. In fact, in the 1930's, wild turkeys faced near extinction due to the number of people hunting them. Since then, their populations have increased, and they are seen in the woods more often.

Domesticated turkeys can live much longer since they are usually in safer surroundings. The oldest turkey on record is said to have lived 12 years in captivity. Most turkeys don't make it that long since they are normally raised for humans to eat.

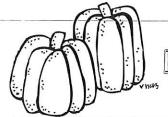


# TURKEY FACTS READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Circle the best answer for each question.

#### Tom Turkey & Hen

- 1. What does it mean to say that a hen is broody?
  - a. It means that she is temperamental.
  - b. It means that she is ready to sit on and hatch her eggs.
  - c. It means that she is part of a group of poults.
- 2. Poults that are hatched from the same clutch of eggs at about the same time are called a
  - a. Gaggle b. Flock c. Brood
- 3. A flock can have more than one brood of poults?
  - a. True b. False
- 4. While still forming inside the egg, a young bird is called an
  - a. Offspring b. Egglet c. An embryo
- 5. Can turkey hens lay their own eggs immediately after hatching?
  - a. Yes b. No
- 6. Turkeys will mate and lay eggs all year long even in cold climates.
  - a. True b. False
- 7. Why were turkeys almost extinct in some areas of the United States?
  - a. They died out during the ice age.
  - b. They were stricken with a deadly virus.
  - Hunters liked them so much that they were nearly wiped out due to their popularity.
- 8. Turkeys in captivity can live much longer than those in the wild.
  - a. True b. False



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#### I can make equal groups!

Kemontre's family cooked 12 pies for their neighbors. If there are 4 families, how many pies will each family get?

Each family will get \_\_\_\_ pies

Taizhon is making headdresses. He needs 5 feathers for each headdress. If he has 12 feathers, how many headdresses can he make?

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Taizhon can make \_\_\_\_ headdresses with \_\_\_ feathers left over.

Skyla is making apple pies with her mother. Each pie requires 3 apples. If she has 17 apples, how many pies can she make?

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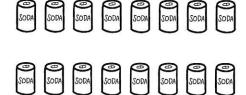
She can make pies

Ms. Ido made muffins for the party. She made two dozen. If there are 9 people coming to the party, how many muffins will each person get?



Each person will get \_\_\_\_ muffins and Ms. Ido will have \_\_\_ left over.

There are 18 sodas in the cooler for Thanksgiving dinner. If there are 9 people attending, how many sodas can each person drink?



Each person can drink \_\_\_ sodas. Are there any left over?

There are 8 people at Thanksgiving. There are 16 electronic devices. If each person has the same amount of devises on them, how many devises does each person own?



Each person owns \_\_\_\_ electronic devises.



#### I can interpret a Table!

For over 80 years, the Macy's Day Parade has entertained millions. The Macy Day Parade kicks off the holiday season with clowns, marching bands, huge balloons, characters, and even a visit from Santa! It takes many people working together to make this parade a success every year. To the right is a table of the amount of participants by year.

#### Macy's Day Parade Participants

Γ	Year	Participants	
	2010	799,899	99
	2011	795, 179	2 Die
	2012	80 1,468	
	20  3	799,996	
	20  4	80 1,860	
	20  5	80 1,890	

I. In which year did the Macy's	Day Parade how
the most participants?	

2. In which year did the Macy's Day Parade have the least amount of participants?

- 3. How many more participants were there in 2012 than in 2010?
- 4. Which sentence is true?
- A. 2014 had more participants than 2015.
- B. 2014 had less participants than 2015.
- C. 2010 had more participants than 2013.
- 5. Put the years in order from least amount of participants to greatest amount of participants.
- 6. In which year were there less participants than there were in 2010?

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#### I can identify place value!

Label the place value chart before beginning.

I. There were 1,567 peo-
ple in line to shop at the
mall on Black Friday.
Which number is in the
hundreds place?

- 2. Every year at least 2,550,290 people attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Which number is in the millions place?
- 3. This year the local Farmer's Market sold \$38,759 in pumpkins. Which number is in the ten thousands place?

- 4. The annual Thanksgiving bake sale sold \$14,567 in pumpkin pies. Which number is in the thousands place?
- 5. The school district donated 235,600 cans of green beans to the local food bank. Which number is in the hundred thousands place?
- 6. It is estimated that 3,456,281 citizens will go Black Friday shopping. Which number is in the hundreds place?

- 7. Nesbit Elementary raised \$9,843 for the local food bank. What is the value of the 9 in this number?
- A. 90
- B. 900
- C. 9,000

- 8. Conrad Farms sold \$235,508 in the months of October and November. What is the value of the 3?
- A. 3,000
- B. 30,000
- C. 300,000

9. The average American consumes 4,567 calories on Thanksgiving.

What is the value of the 5 in this number?

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#### I can identify place value!

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- 1. This year the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade had 2.4 million viewers. Which place value is the 4 in?
- 2. 2. Last year the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade had 2.6 million viewers. Which place value is the 2 in?
- 3. My mother bought a turkey that weight 12.75 pounds. Which number is in the tenths place?

- 4. We drove 326.72 miles to Grandma's house for Thanksgiving. Which number is in the hundredths place?
- 5. The Thanksgiving Day Feast costs \$12.55 per person. Which number is in the tens place?
- 6. My mother spent 3.5 hours cooking this Thanksgiving. Which number is in the ones place?
- 7. The average family spends \$165.28 on a Thanksgiving meal for 6 people. Which number is in in he hundreds place? the hundredths place?
- 8. There are 123,209 books on Thanksgiving on Amazon. Which number is
- 9. The young family spent \$45.75 at the book store. Which number is in the tenths place?

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### I can solve real world addition & subtraction problems!

#### Answer Bank

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5,436

4,203

- 1. The Williams family spent \$97 on groceries, \$64 in gas, and \$49 on decorations for Thanksgiving. How much did they spend in all?
- 2. Last year our school raised \$4,212 at our annual fall bake sale. This year we raised \$5,203. How much more did we raise this year than last year?

- 3. There are 1,924 adults at the local Thanksgiving Day parade and 2,287 children. How many people are there in all?
- 4. There are 1,924 adults at the local Thanksgiving Day parade and 2,287 children. How many more children are there than adults?

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### I can solve real world addition & subtraction problems!

- 5. The school raised \$2,225 on the first night of Fall Festival and \$1,978 on the second night. How much did they raise in all?
- 6. Mario earned \$1,235 by taking care of people's homes and animals over the holidays. He spent \$365 on a new bike. How much does he have left?

- 7. Jonathon ate 1,987 on Thanksgiving day. Ciara ate 3,462 calories on Thanksgiving day. How many more calories did Ciara eat than Jonathon?
- 8. The elementary school collected 3,471 canned goods for the food drive. The middle school collected 1,965. How many canned goods did they collect in all?