

Thanksgiving

Vocabulary enjoy, grateful for/to, thankful for/to, thankfulness, value

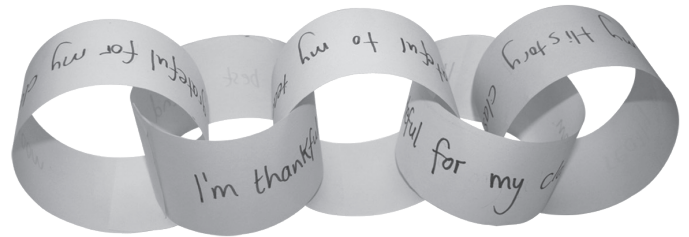
Materials sheets of butcher paper (1 per student), scissors, glue sticks; *Cross-Curricular Activity*: light-colored paper, scissors, colored markers or pencils, glue sticks

Preparation Make copies of the Thanksgiving template (1 per student).

Cross-Curricular Activity: Art Thankfulness Paper Chain

Distribute materials. Ask students to cut 5 x 20 cm strips of paper. Tell them to cut the same number of strips as the thankfulness phrases they want to write (about their school).

Show them how to glue the strips together to make a paper chain. Hang the chain in the classroom or the hallway. Invite students, and also other teachers and classes, to read the phrases.



Warm-up

The Meaning of Thanksgiving

Elicit from students why and how people in the United States celebrate Thanksgiving. (*They recall the first year the Pilgrims from England survived in the New World, with the help of the Native American people. They have a feast with turkey and other traditional dishes.*) Say *In the United States, Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for what you have and share the joy with your family.* Ask students what they are thankful for and how they show it.

1 Make a Thankfulness Tree.

Ask or explain to students what thankfulness means and give a few examples of things you are thankful for and people you are grateful to.

Next, hand out the templates (see *Preparation*) and have students complete the phrases on the leaves. Give them some examples: *I'm thankful for (my good friends).* *I'm grateful to (the teacher who helps me).*

I really enjoy (the food you cook, Mom)! I value (my sports team)! Hand out the scissors (see *Materials*) and, as students finish, ask them to cut out the leaves.

Next, distribute the butcher paper and the glue sticks (see *Materials*). Tell students to use their colored markers or pencils to draw a tree and to glue their leaves on it. Invite students to take their Thankfulness Tree home and share it with their family.