



Getting Ready for Thanksgiving

Skill Book 3 and Changes, page 22

New words: **Thanksgiving, holiday, turkey**

“It’s time to get ready for Thanksgiving,” Maria tells her children.

Maria’s family was not born in the United States. But they like Thanksgiving. It is a holiday in the United States. There is no holiday that is the same as Thanksgiving in the country where they were born. Many people who come to the United States from other countries like Thanksgiving.

“We need to go to the store and do shopping, says Maria. “I’ll make a list of what we need.”

“Will we have a turkey?” asks Rosa. “I want turkey for Thanksgiving.”

“Yes. We’ll have a turkey,” Maria says. “Many people have turkey on Thanksgiving Day.”

“What’s a turkey?” asks Pablo. He is just six years old.

“A turkey is a large bird,” Maria tells him. “It comes from the United States and Mexico. But people in other countries like to eat it.”

“Why do we have Thanksgiving?” Carlos asks.

“Thanksgiving is a way of giving thanks for everything we have,” Maria tells him.

Maria finishes her shopping list. “We need a turkey. We need potatoes and beans. We need things for a salad. We need butter and eggs. And I think I’ll bake an apple cake

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Ouch!

By Linda del Bene

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 15

New words: **ouch**, **make**

Jill is in the kitchen fixing dinner.
She is fixing fish for dinner.
Her mother is working in the garden.

“Ouch!”

Jill jumps and yells and looks at her finger.
Jill has burned her finger!

“Mother!” yells Jill.

“Ouch! I have hurt my finger!
I have burned my finger!”

“Ouch!” yells Jill.

Mother jumps up and runs to the kitchen.
She looks at Jill’s finger.

“Stop jumping,” says Mother.

“Sit and let’s look at the finger.”

Jill sits, and Mother looks at her finger.

Jill’s finger is a little red.

“Can you make it better?” says Jill.

“Can you make my finger better?”

“The finger is just a little red,” says Mother.

“I can make it better.

I can kiss it and make it better,” says Mother.

Mother gives Jill a kiss on her finger.

She kisses the burn on Jill’s finger to make it
better.

1. Jill burns her _____.
2. Jill's _____ runs to the _____.
3. Jill's _____ is a little red.
4. Jill's _____ kisses the burn on Jill's _____.

The River is Cold

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 1 and *In the Valley*, page 19

New word: **cold**

The children are at the river.

They are fishing.

Liz gets a fish.

Bob gets a fish.

Jill gets a fish.

The children get three fish.

Liz jumps in the river.

She yells, "The river is cold.

The river is cold."

Bob jumps in the river.

He yells, "Yes, the river is cold.

The river is cold."

Jill jumps in the river.

She yells, "The river is cold.

And I am cold."

The children are jumping and kicking in the river

The river is cold.

The children are cold.

The children are not in the river.

They are looking at the river.

The river is cold.

The children are not cold.

1. The children get _____ fish.
2. Jill jumps in the _____.
3. The river is _____.
4. The children are _____ and _____ in the _____.

The Story of My License

By an LCNV Student

I came to the U.S.A. In 2004. At that time I didn't drive.

One day my brother gave me the D.M.V. book. I needed to read the book and then take a test. One day he took me to the D.M.V. to take the test. I didn't pass the written test. The next time I took the test I passed and got my permit.

After two months I took the driving test. The first time I took the test I didn't pass. The next time I took the test I passed!

Write for The Student Special

By Ron Wise

Why doesn't this issue of The Student Special contain more stories written by students? It's because I received only one piece that a student wrote.

The Student Special is for the students of the Literacy Council. Members of the Writers Group compose most of the pieces in it. But sometimes there are also pieces written by students.

I have received many good stories by students. You can tell that from the piece in this issue that a student wrote. So I know that there are a lot of good writers among our students.

Why not try writing something for The Student Special? It doesn't have to be long. It can be about something that really happened or something you made up. We won't print your name if you don't want us to. If you've written for us before, we'd like you to write for us again.

Send your pieces me, in care of the Literacy Council office. Happy writing!

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