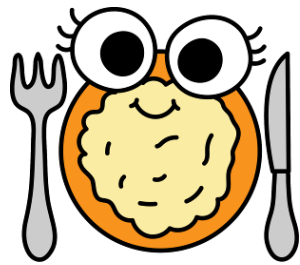


Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the official bird of the United

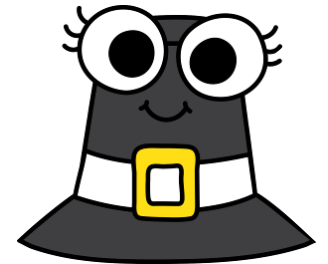


Author of *Many Had a Little Lamb*, Sarah Hale, convinced President Lincoln that Thanksgiving should be a national holiday

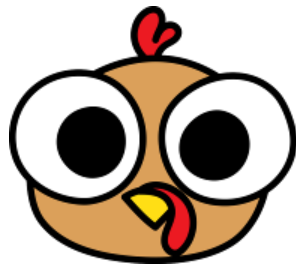


88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving

Sarah Hale wrote letters for 17 years campaigning for Thanksgiving to become a national holiday



The average Thanksgiving turkey weighs 15 pounds



The first Thanksgiving in 1621 lasted three days

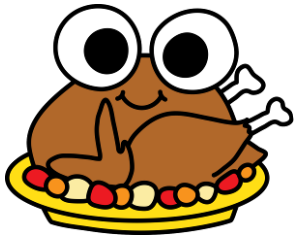


Wild turkeys can run a whopping 20 miles per hour

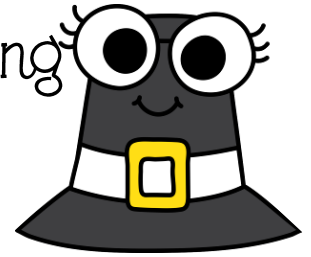
After walking on the moon astronauts Buzz Aldrin & Neil Armstrong had a meal of roast turkey



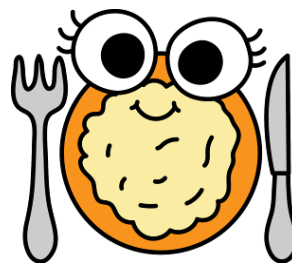
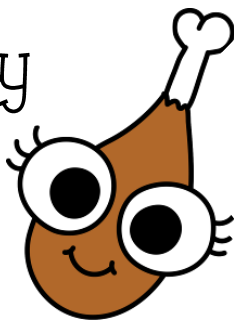
Henry VIII was the first English King to taste turkey



Turkeys used to wear booties to protect their feet during the walk to the market



November is not National Turkey Lover's Month. June is



Turkey was not served at the first Thanksgiving



Only wild turkeys can fly

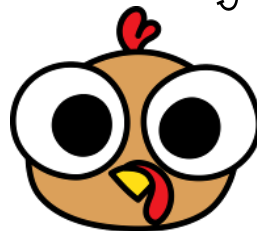
The US President pardons a turkey every year

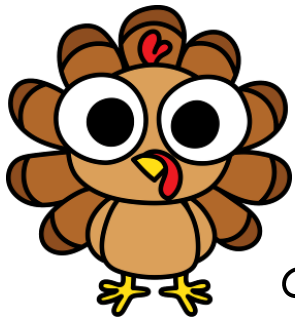


Full grown turkeys have 3500 feathers



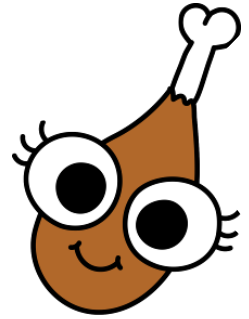
The turkey pardoned in 2009 served as Grand Marshal of Disneyland's Thanksgiving Day parade





A male
turkey is
called a tom

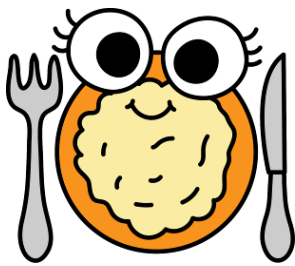
A female
turkey is
called a hen



A baby turkey
is called
a poult



Tom
turkeys
have beards



Only tom
turkeys can
gobble



The first Macy's
Thanksgiving Day Parade
featured only live animals

A turkey's
gobble can be
heard up to
a mile away



Wild turkeys
often sleep
in trees

Christmas Fun Facts

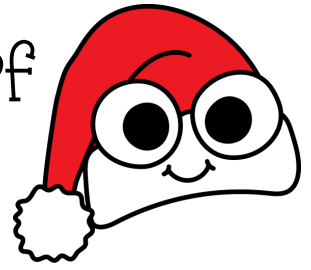
Cards for Kids





There are 264 total gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas

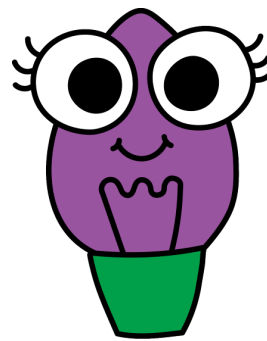
About 1/6 of all sales in the US are made during Christmas



Christmas trees were first decorated with fruits and nuts



Electric tree lights were first used in 1895

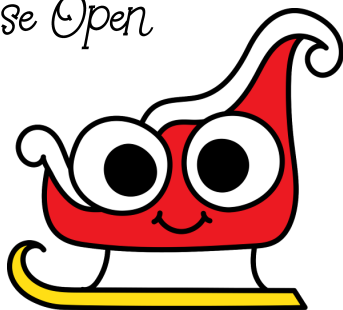


In 1843, the first Christmas cards were created to encourage people to use the mail delivery service

Christmas became a federal holiday in the US in 1870

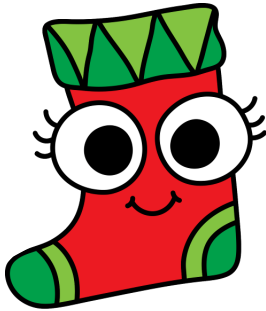


Jingle Bells was originally called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving



There are two islands named Christmas

Santa is also known as Father Christmas, Grandfather Frost, Kris Kringle & St. Nicholas



Santa initially wore green, purple or blue, but Coca Cola created a marketing campaign with him in clothes that matched their brand and now he is forever in red clothes



The biggest Christmas gift ever presented was the Statue of Liberty, gifted by France to the USA



The tallest Christmas tree ever displayed was 221 feet tall



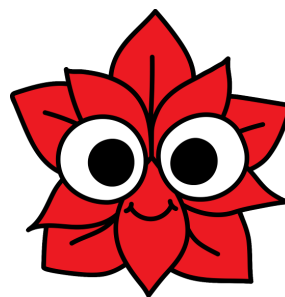
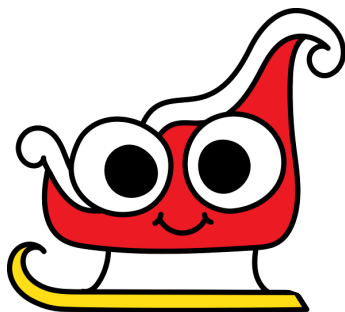
The gifts in The 12 Days of Christmas cost a total of \$1.3 million



Eggnog is inspired by a medieval drink called Posset

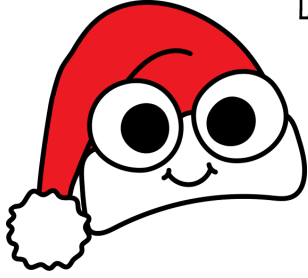


In Finland, Santa travels on a goat instead of his sleigh



To deliver all his gifts, Santa's speed would need to be 650 miles per second

On Dec. 5th St. Nicholas
leaves toys, nuts,
fruits and
chocolate in
childrens' shoes



KFC fried
chicken is a
staple on
Christmas
in Japan



St. Nicholas was a bishop in the
4th century. Dutch settlers
brought his
legend to
America where he
became Santa
Claus



26 million trees
are grown each
year and take
7-10 years to
mature



The first
Christmas
was
celebrated in
336 in Rome

The USPS answers
thousands of
letters to Santa
every year through
a program called
Operation Santa



Since 1991, artificial
Christmas trees
have outsold
live ones



The Elf on the
Shelf is so
popular that he
has his own float
in the Macy's Parade

graphics credit

