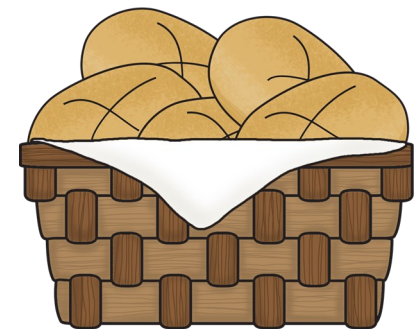
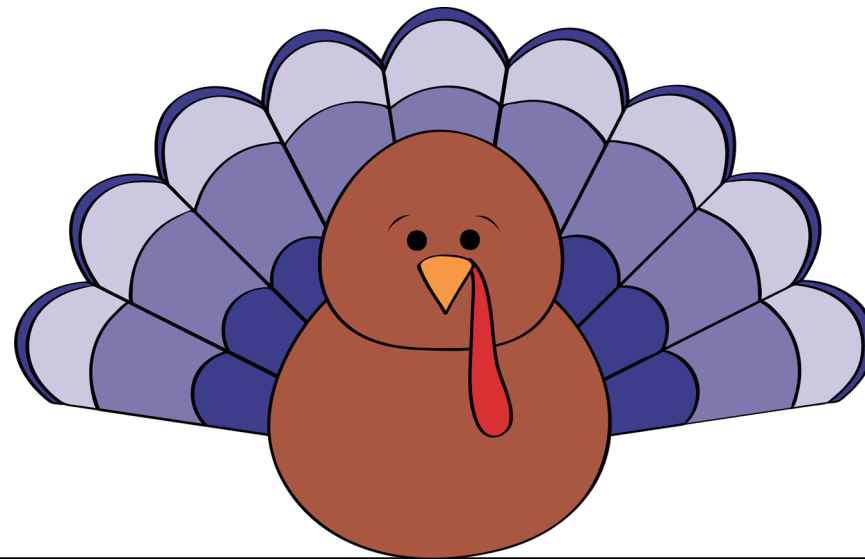


# Arthur's Thanksgiving

**Free teaching supplement work pages and answer key**





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Mother	Arthur could count on his M_____	Mother j_____
Sister D.W.	Arthur could count on his S_____	D. W. wouldn't be c_____ dead in that outfit
entire school by PA system	best part in the play is o_____	no o_____ went to the office.

What were the words indicating unhappy comments in this story?

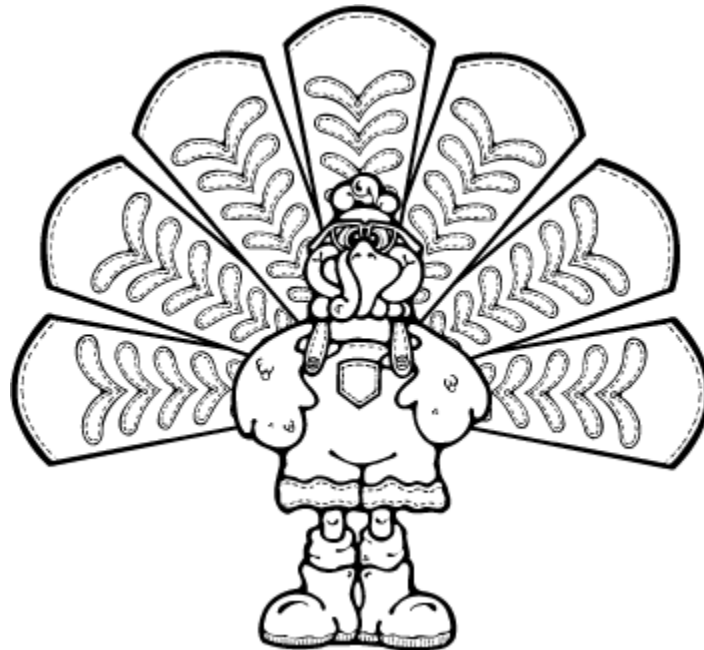
gr \_\_\_\_\_

dis \_\_\_\_\_

wh \_\_\_\_\_

gla \_\_\_\_\_

lau \_\_\_\_\_ (at)



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Can you infer the answers to the following questions?

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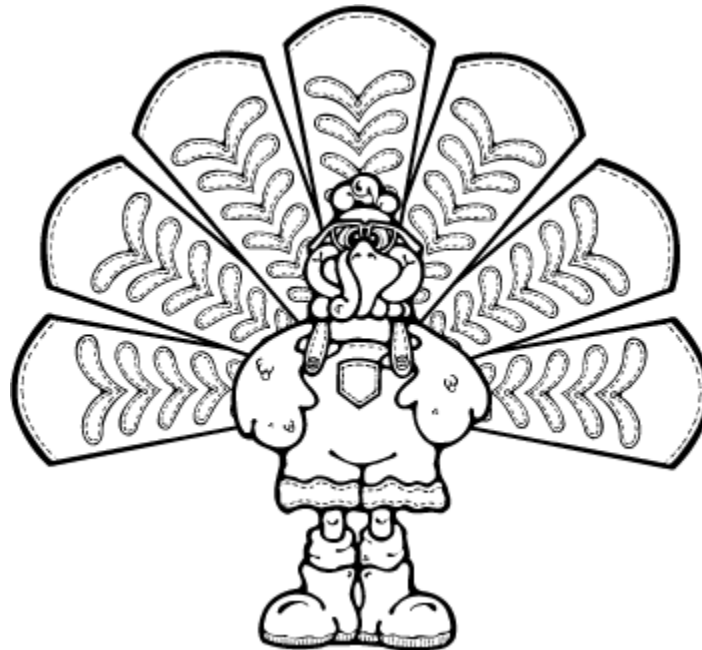
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entire school by PA system	best part in the play is <b>open</b>	no <b>one</b> went to the office

What were the words indicating unhappy comments in this story?

grumbled  
disaster  
whined  
glared  
laughed (at)



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Can you infer the answers to the following questions?

1. Why did the students hold their breath on the first page of the story?

They held their breath with excitement, each hoping to be chosen as the director.

2. Why did Francine give Arthur cupcakes?

Francine gave Arthur cupcakes because she wanted to bribe him to get the part she wanted, which was narrator. As director, Arthur could assign parts in the play.

3. Why didn't anyone want to be the turkey?

Answers will vary. Some children may have thought the part of the turkey was good and wonder why no one wanted to. Some children may think the word "turkey" means something not good.

4. How was Arthur feeling when the cast complained and threatened to quit?

Arthur was very worried about the play turning out well, and when people threatened to quit he probably began to realize he would have to be the turkey as he could find no other solution.

5. How do you think Arthur felt after the play?

Arthur was probably happy, relieved, and proud. Answers will vary.

6. Did you ever think the reason Mr. Ratburn gave Arthur the director's job was really to get him to be the turkey? Why or why not?

I doubt most children will think this could be true, but some may. Maybe Mr. Ratburn was surprised no one wanted to be the turkey, too. Answers will vary. The problem in this story begins very early, and the solution is at the last minute.