

A still life arrangement of pumpkins, gourds, and pinecones on a wooden surface. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a cozy autumn atmosphere. The pumpkins and gourds are in various shades of orange and yellow, with some showing signs of ripening. Pinecones and small dark berries are scattered around the base of the pumpkins. The background is softly blurred, focusing attention on the foreground elements.

# Celebrating Thanksgiving Day

# What is Thanksgiving?

It is an American holiday (fête) that happens on the 4th Thursday in November.

*This year, it is November 22nd*

- Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863.



# Why did it start?



Pilgrims = pèlerins

- They are people from England who came to America in the 1600s

- But life in America was hard... Many people died

# The First Thanksgiving



So in 1620, some Native Americans called the Wampanoags helped the Pilgrims grow (cultiver) food and catch (attraper) fish.

Then the Pilgrims had a lot of food in 1621. To celebrate, the Pilgrims invited the Wampanoag to a feast (banquet).

# A traditional Thanksgiving meal



**Includes:** a turkey, cornbread, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

# Other Thanksgiving Traditions

In the US, Thanksgiving is almost as popular as Christmas. Many people travel a long time to be home with their family.

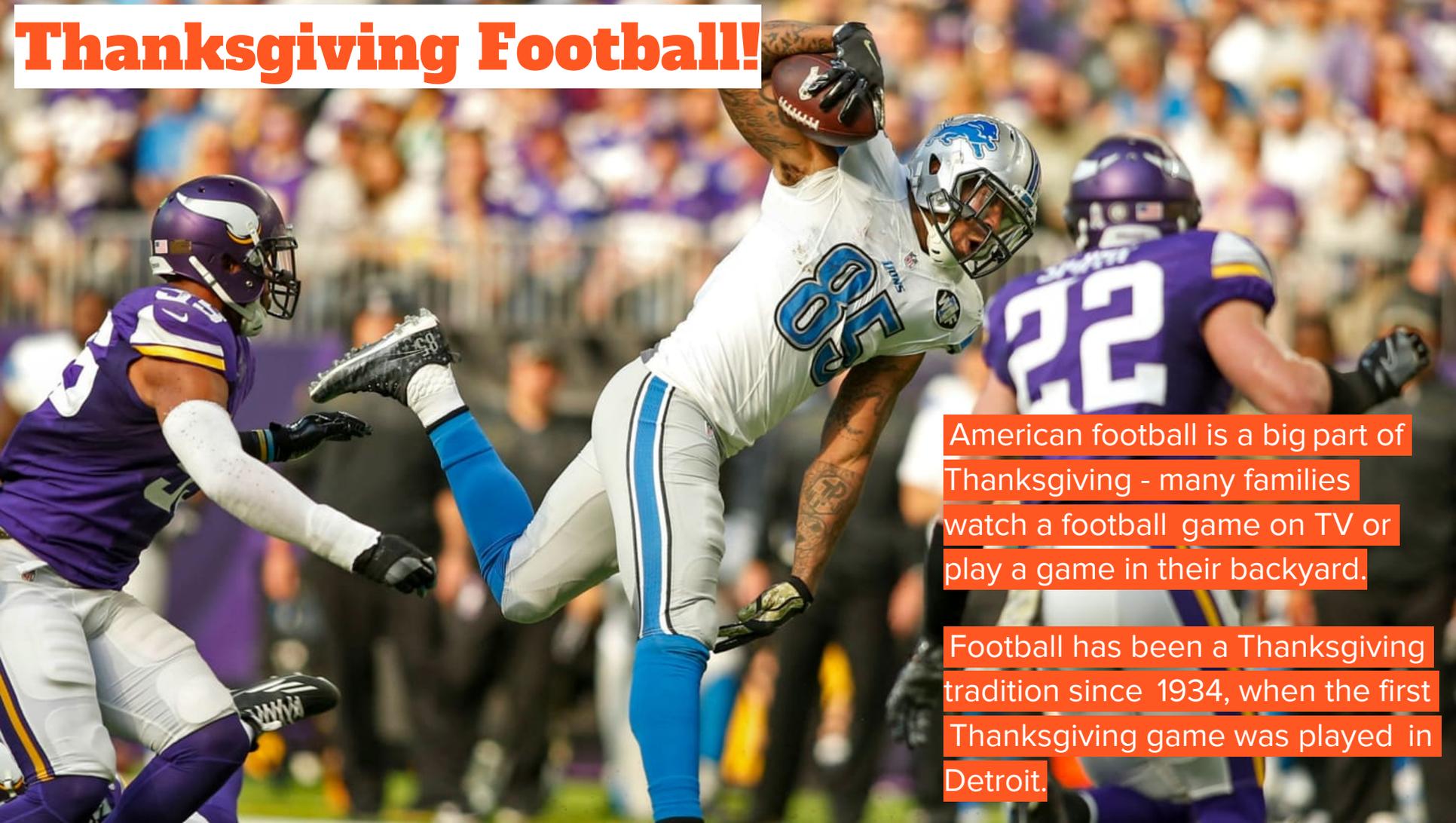


Each year, there is a Thanksgiving parade in New York. The parade has many floats (decorated platforms on or behind a truck) and big balloons.

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Native American  
Thanksgiving Parade Float



# Thanksgiving Football!

American football is a big part of Thanksgiving - many families watch a football game on TV or play a game in their backyard.

Football has been a Thanksgiving tradition since 1934, when the first Thanksgiving game was played in Detroit.

# There's also the Turkey Pardon!



The annual turkey pardon: the US President pardons (saves) one or two turkeys from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner.

The turkey pardon started in 1987 with President Ronald Reagan. It is now a tradition - there's an official ceremony at the White House every year!

# What is different?



What differences do you see? How do they change the meaning of the picture?





"THEY SAY THEY'RE BUILDING A WALL BECAUSE TOO MANY OF US ENTER ILLEGALLY AND WON'T LEARN THEIR LANGUAGE OR ASSIMILATE INTO THEIR CULTURE..."

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