

## Thanks, Mom



Cindy stood at the kitchen counter slicing carrots for her mom. They would soon be cooked and seasoned and served along with all the other delicious Thanksgiving dishes. There were pies baking in the oven along with the turkey while sweet potatoes simmered on the stovetop. Cindy's mom had decorated their home with lovely fall flowers and miniature pumpkins and colorful squash. The air was filled with the smell of many good things.

Thanksgiving Day had always been one of Cindy's favorite holidays. It was shared with family and filled with love. She was glad she was now old enough to help her mom prepare for the celebration. It made her feel all warm and happy inside. As she stood cutting the carrots, she remembered back to other Thanksgiving Days. She knew these were fond memories that she would keep with her forever, and she understood that her mom's planning and hard work were labors of love. This made the holiday even more special. She looked over at her mom who was softly humming as she sliced one of the freshly baked pumpkin pies. Cindy just had to give her mom a big hug at that very moment to let her know how much she appreciated everything. It was going to be another great Thanksgiving Day.

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**Directions:** Based on the story, decide whether the statements below are true or false. Then fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. Cindy was helping her mother prepare Christmas Day dinner.  
 True                       False
2. Cindy thought the flowers and the food in the house smelled awful.  
 True                       False
3. Cindy had many fond memories of previous Thanksgivings.  
 True                       False
4. Cindy appreciated her mom's hard work to make the holiday special.  
 True                       False