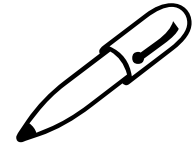


“Let’s Talk Turkey”

1. “With Malice Toward None, With Charity for All.” What U.S. president first granted a turkey a presidential pardon?

- a. George Washington.
- b. Abraham Lincoln.
- c. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- d. Jimmy Carter.

2. No Day of Thanks for Turkeys. According to the National Turkey Federation, 95 percent of Americans surveyed eat turkey at Thanksgiving. How many turkeys were consumed for Thanksgiving in 2001?

- a. 460,000.
- b. 4.6 million.
- c. 46 million.
- d. 460 million.

3. Beauty and Brains Combined. In addition to being beautifully plumed, the wiliness of turkeys far exceeds their reputation. Turkeys’ keenness comes from:

- a. their excellent sense of hearing.
- b. their superior visual acuity.
- c. their wide field of vision.
- d. all of the above.

4. Parts Unknown. What isn’t naturally part of a turkey’s anatomy?

- a. A caruncle.
- b. A snood.
- c. A wattle.
- d. A beard.
- e. Stuffing.

5. What’s the Process? During a 25-week laying cycle, a turkey hen normally lays 80 to 100 eggs. At the end of this cycle, the hen is “spent” and processed. “Processed” means:

- a. sent away on holiday.
- b. given a short rest period.
- c. given time to nurture her poults.
- d. slaughtered for consumption.



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6. Veggie Visitors. Guess who's not coming to dinner for at least 10 million North Americans on November 28, 2002?

- a. Neither a turkey nor a chicken.
- b. Neither a pig nor a lamb.
- c. Neither a cow nor a fish.
- d. All of the above.

7. A Disgrace to Its Namesake. Despite being a fascinating and advanced country in other ways, Turkey, unlike all other European Union member countries, still does not have a national animal protection law. Sadly, without legal protection, there is no deterrent to animal abuse in Turkey. Horrific mistreatment is frequently reported in daily newspapers. What caring celebrity wrote to Turkey's prime minister requesting an animal protection law?

- a. Alicia Silverstone, the actor (voice of Sharon Spitz on the cartoon *Braceface*).
- b. Pink, the singer.
- c. Gillian Anderson, the actor (Scully on the *X-Files*).
- d. Britney Spears, the singer.

8. A Link Between Birdies and Grand Slams. An American grand slam is when:

- a. you land your dream job, meet your soulmate, buy a house, and adopt a homeless animal.
- b. you score three goals in one game of hockey.
- c. you shoot a hole in one stroke under par in golf.
- d. you hunt and kill one turkey from each sub-species: Eastern, Osceola, Merriam's, and Rio Grande.

9. The Great Mystery Exposed. True or false: Turkeys cannot fly.

10. A Recipe for Thanks. By serving a Tofurky feast this Thanksgiving, you get:

- a. a pre-baked vegetarian roast complete with seasoned stuffing, drummettes, and gravy.
- b. to shorten your preparation and cooking time by several hours.
- c. to save a turkey's life.
- d. all of the above.

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1. The correct answer is b.

According to the Abraham Presidential Library, President Lincoln grew up with a deep affection and respect for animals. While in the White House, the Lincoln family was given a live turkey before Christmas to be killed for their holiday dinner. The turkey quickly became part of the family, and as the holiday loomed closer, Abraham Lincoln’s son, Tad, cried and asked his father to write out a presidential pardon to spare the turkey’s life. President Lincoln agreed with Tad and let the turkey join the family.

Many recent presidents continued this tradition, but for the turkeys, it’s too little, too late. According to an ABC News investigation, the presidentially pardoned turkeys live at most a few months post-pardon. Why? The manner in which turkeys are raised forces their flesh to grow abnormally fast. Their organs and bone structure can’t support this rapid growth. Consequently, most turkeys are physically crippled by the time they are slaughtered.

2. The correct answer is c.

In 2001, about 272 million turkeys were slaughtered in all. They estimate that 46 million of those turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. Approximately 105,000 Tofurkys (see answer #10 for description) were sold in 2001—that’s 105,000 turkeys’ lives saved by replacing the traditional turkey meal with a tasty and healthy, cruelty-free Tofurky.

3. The correct answer is d.

While turkeys have no external ears, they have excellent hearing. This sense combined with superior eyesight and the ability to see up to 270 degrees makes them very wily indeed.

4. The correct answer is e.

A *caruncle* is a red-pink fleshy growth on the head and upper neck of the turkey. The *snood* is a long, red, fleshy growth from the base of the beak that hangs down over the beak. The *wattle* is a bright red appendage at the neck. The *beard* is a black lock of hair found on the chest of the male turkey. *Stuffing* is an unfortunate addition that is a common source of food-borne illness.

5. The correct answer is d.

After six months of nonstop egg-laying, hens are processed. “Processed” means hung upside down, electrically stunned (if they are lucky, but many aren’t), dropped in boiling water (this makes plucking easier), and then plucked and gutted.

Note to teachers

Using PETA literature, acquaint students with animal rights issues. Encourage discussion in class, comparing older, widely held beliefs with a more modern understanding of our relationships with our fellow animals. Assign these ideas as essay or research topics or use them as guidelines for class discussions.

6. The correct answer is d.

A recent *Time* magazine feature took an in-depth look at vegetarianism across North America and reported that 10 million people consider themselves vegetarians while another 30 million people prefer meals without meat. So, for at least 10 million people this Thanksgiving, there will be no turkey, cow, calf, pig, lamb, chicken, nor fish on the table. Of course, this isn't to say that these animals won't be celebrating Thanksgiving with vegetarians as honored guests and beloved family members. In fact, we know at least one vegetarian family that will be celebrating the birthday of its adopted companion turkey named Gus this Thanksgiving.

For other facts about vegetarians and holiday recipes, check out "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" on VeggieVisitors.com [<http://www.veggievisitors.com>].

7. The correct answer is c.

Last year, Gillian Anderson, star of the *X-Files*, wrote to the prime minister of Turkey. In her letter, she said, "Without legal standards, it is no wonder that animals are abused and that those inflicting the suffering continue to do so, animal after animal, without consequence. A few of the incidents that have reached us overseas involve horrifying published reports and video of dogs suffering immensely after being poisoned, shot, and buried alive and bears, camels, roosters, and dogs being physically abused and forced into fighting or performing for audiences. I'll never forget one tragic scene, originally shown on Turkish television, where a dog was kicked, dragged, thrown into a garbage truck, and compacted while fully conscious. As the compactor lowered over the dog's face, his sad and confused eyes served as a haunting reminder of why a legal remedy for such atrocities must be implemented as quickly as possible."

For more details, go to: <http://www.peta.org/feat/turkdog/>.

8. To hunters, the correct answer is d. To the rest of society, the correct answer is a.

Of course, if bowling is your thing, then getting three strikes in a row—called a "turkey"—is a grand slam.

9. The correct answer is "false."

While domestic turkeys have been bred too large to fly, wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles an hour and run up to 20 miles an hour. That's why they have wings. What bird species has wings but cannot fly?

10. The correct answer is d.

Tofurky® is a pre-cooked vegetarian feast designed to be the delicious centerpiece of your holiday or everyday meal. Made from a revolutionary tofu-wheat protein blend, Tofurky is known for its incredible, turkey-like texture and flavor. The vegetarian feast consists of four parts: one Specially Seasoned Stuffed Tofu Roast, four Hearty Tempeh Drumettes, 14 ounces of Tofurky "Giblet" Gravy and a set of two WishStix made from Tofurky Jurky! Each feast is 100 percent vegan, cooks in about 40 minutes, and tastes fabulous! Best of all, one turkey fewer will be killed.