Question Sheet



Player copy • Write your answers. The small Q references match the article.

01 Q3 What was the name for a parade associated with the old Thanksgiving masking custom?

02 Q8 Which New York waterway swallowed one early parade balloon, according to the Library of Congress?

03 Q10 What did a finder stand to receive from Macy's for returning a runaway parade balloon?

04 Q11 Which long-necked bird does the cranberry industry connect with the older name “crane berry”?

05 Q13 What surprising movement can a fresh, ripe cranberry make when dropped onto a firm surface?

06 Q15 Can a popcorn kernel truly be hull-less before popping, as a snack label might seem to suggest?

07 Q17 Into which invisible-to-humans region of light does a wild turkey's color vision extend?

08 Q18 About how wide is the field of view given by the National Zoo for a turkey with its head still?

Matching Answer Key



Host copy • Match each number to the player sheet before awarding points.

01 A Ragamuffin Parade.

Q3 The Library of Congress identifies the procession alongside other customs. It offers a different parade story from one about giant balloons.

02 The East River.

Q8 The library distinguishes this balloon from another that drifted out to sea. The clue concerns one specific account of the recovery experiment.

03 Store credit.

Q10 The reward linked an unpredictable landing to a store promotion. Finding one of the wandering giants was a much stranger assignment than spotting it on television.

04 A sandhill crane.

Q11 The association comes from the appearance of the plant's flower and stem. The English name tells you nothing about the color of the harvested fruit.

05 It can bounce.

Q13 This applies to fresh fruit in good condition. A berry coming out of a jar of sauce is hardly a fair test.

06 No.

Q15 The hull holds in pressure. Some varieties leave fragments so small after popping that the eater barely notices them.

07 Ultraviolet, specifically UVA.

Q17 The National Zoo describes a type of cone cell sensitive near that range. A turkey and a human can look at the same scene with different visual equipment.

08 About 270 degrees.

Q18 Eyes at the sides of the head allow broad coverage. Turning the head helps the bird check the remaining area.

Quick Questions and Answers



Read a question aloud, pause for guesses, then share the printed answer.

01 Q5

Tickets and programs for what kind of Thanksgiving dance are in the Smithsonian's Warshaw collection?

Answer: Thanksgiving balls.

02 Q7

Which device did designers add to early parade balloons to allow helium to escape gradually after release?

Answer: A valve.

03 Q14

What profession had Cape Cod cranberry cultivator Henry Hall retired from before his successful 1816 crop?

Answer: He was a sea captain.

04 Q16

Is the familiar claim that turkeys routinely drown by staring up into rain supported by the National Zoo?

Answer: No. The zoo identifies it as a myth.

05 Q21

How many meals did the three Skylab 4 astronauts eat at dinner after missing Thanksgiving lunch in 1973?

Answer: Two meals each.

06 Q24

What kind of two-fruit dessert did the 2008 Thanksgiving diners aboard Endeavour have, according to NASA?

Answer: A cranapple dessert.

Cut-Out Trivia Cards



Cut on dashed borders. Fold each answer strip back before passing the cards.

CARD 01 / ARTICLE Q2

What small coins did some Thanksgiving maskers scramble for in the street?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Pennies.

CARD 02 / ARTICLE Q12

How many internal air chambers give a cranberry its buoyancy during wet harvest?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Four.

CARD 03 / ARTICLE Q19

Can a wild turkey swim as well as fly?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Yes.

CARD 04 / ARTICLE Q20

What term does the zoo use for a hen laying eggs in another bird's nest?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Egg dumping.