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# 10-Sentence Thanksgiving Story Challenge



Write a story of exactly 10 sentences following the directions provided.

**Sentence 1:** Introduce a character who feels **rushed, stressed, or overwhelmed** as Thanksgiving begins.

**Sentence 2:** Describe the **setting** using **two senses** (sight, sound, smell, touch, or taste).

**Sentence 3:** Reveal something your character is **taking for granted** without realizing it.

**Sentence 4:** Use a **simile** to show how your **character is feeling**.



**Sentence 5:** Introduce a moment of **tension, conflict, or misunderstanding** during the holiday.

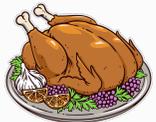
**Sentence 6:** Have the character pause and notice something small that sparks a **shift in their perspective**.



**Sentence 7:** Use a **metaphor** to show the **growing sense of gratitude**.

**Sentence 8:** Show the **character expressing thanks (either in words or action)** to someone else.

**Sentence 9:** Describe the Thanksgiving meal or moment using **strong imagery**.



**Sentence 10:** End with a **reflection** that captures what the character is truly grateful for.

## Example Story:

**1)** As Mike waited for Thanksgiving dinner, a quiet thread of stress tugged at him. **2)** The kitchen roared with festivity—pans clattering, voices rising as family members good-naturedly argued. **3)** Yet amid the chaos, he felt a deep sense of gratitude for the loved ones bustling around him. **4)** His heart glowed warmly, like sunlight after a long storm. **5)** Still, the thought of his studies lingered, a reminder of all the work waiting for him after the break. **6)** Then a line surfaced in his mind: “Pressure is privilege.” **7)** He realized that the education he was pursuing was the foundation for the future he dreamed of. **8)** With that clarity, Mike wrapped his arms around his mom and whispered, “I love you so much.” **9)** That dinner—the aroma of savory herbs, the richness of the gravy—became the best of his life. **10)** And it wasn’t just the food that made it unforgettable; it was the company gathered around the table.

