Thanksgiving Party Games for Adults

Use a short activity to bring guests together before or after a meal, without turning it into a performance.

Host guide / Letter / Friends & adult social / Choose 1–3 games, 5–15 minutes each

Read the guide privately first if this activity has hidden answers. Print single-sided at Actual size / 100%. Cut only sheets marked CARDS. Keep answer keys with the host.

What you need

- Paper and pens for several activities
- Optional: timer, bowl, or blank cards
- No food is required as game equipment

How to run it

1. Ask the group whether it wants a short seated activity, a creative team round, or no game. Keep participation optional.
2. Choose one card and read its materials, steps, and time limit before beginning.
3. Use a volunteer host to keep the pace. Offer alternatives that do not require writing, eating, standing, or sharing personal history.
4. Stop at the agreed time and return to the meal or conversation.

Fit the game around the meal

A holiday gathering often has natural pauses while people arrive, wait, or settle after eating. Choose a five- or ten-minute activity for those moments rather than scheduling a long tournament. Seated games work well around a table, and a host can split a larger group into small circles.

These games use seasonal ideas but do not assume every guest celebrates in the same way or has the same family traditions. A host can call the event an autumn dinner and choose cards that suit the group.

- One game is enough for a relaxed gathering.
- Guests may join late, watch, or pass.

Make gratitude optional

Some people enjoy sharing an appreciation; others may find a forced gratitude round uncomfortable. The cards make these prompts optional and provide creative alternatives. Do not ask guests to compare years, explain family history, or disclose a difficult experience.

A light note about a useful recipe, a kind gesture, or a comfortable part of the gathering is enough. The host can move to a neutral category game if no one wants to share.

- No one needs to name a person or tell a personal story.
- Do not evaluate or rank people’s answers.

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Keep supplies and rules simple

Most activities need only a pen and scrap paper. If a card suggests an object, use a verbal clue or a drawing instead. Do not use food as a prop, require tasting, or make a game depend on dietary knowledge.

Explain the goal in one sentence before play. When a rule is unclear, choose the version that keeps participation voluntary and the activity moving. End when time is up rather than insisting on a winner.

- No purchases, alcohol, or special holiday knowledge are needed.

- Offer a quiet or seated option for every activity.

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R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-001 / Adult group activity

Thankful for an Ordinary Thing

R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-002 / Adult group activity

Autumn Category Round

R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-003 / Adult group activity

Imaginary Menu Builder

R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-004 / Adult group activity

Harvest Charades — Seated Option

R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-005 / Adult group activity

The Lost Pie Story

R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-006 / Adult group activity

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R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-007 / Adult group activity Leftover Container Design	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-008 / Adult group activity Three Stops Before Dessert
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-009 / Adult group activity Table Object Museum	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-010 / Adult group activity Autumn Soundtrack Suggestion
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-011 / Adult group activity Gratitude Menu — Private Option	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-012 / Adult group activity Harvest Headline

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R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-013 / Adult group activity Kitchen Tool Recommendation	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-014 / Adult group activity Cooperative Recipe Remix
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-015 / Adult group activity Good Guest Scenario	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-016 / Adult group activity Autumn Postcard
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-017 / Adult group activity The Helpful Host Kit	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-018 / Adult group activity Gratitude or Alternative

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R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-019 / Adult group activity Leaf-Shaped Word Chain	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-020 / Adult group activity Best Seat, Best View
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-021 / Adult group activity Shared Celebration Idea	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-022 / Adult group activity Recipe Memory Without Details
R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-023 / Adult group activity Cooperative Community Map	R_GAMES_THANKSGIVING-024 / Adult group activity What Should We Play Next?

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Hosting questions

Do Thanksgiving games need to be about family memories?

No. These activities avoid family-history quizzes and offer neutral seasonal topics.

Can the gratitude prompts be skipped?

Yes. Guests may choose another activity or simply watch.

Do I need food or special supplies?

No. The games use conversation, paper, and ordinary objects; food is never required as equipment.

References

Reviewed for how seasonal party activities fit around a meal; this adult-oriented game set is original.

https://easygroupgames.com/thanksgiving-games-for-family-gatherings/

Reviewed for adult Thanksgiving activity context; no game wording or instructions were copied.

https://gamingstation.org/thanksgiving-games-for-adults/

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