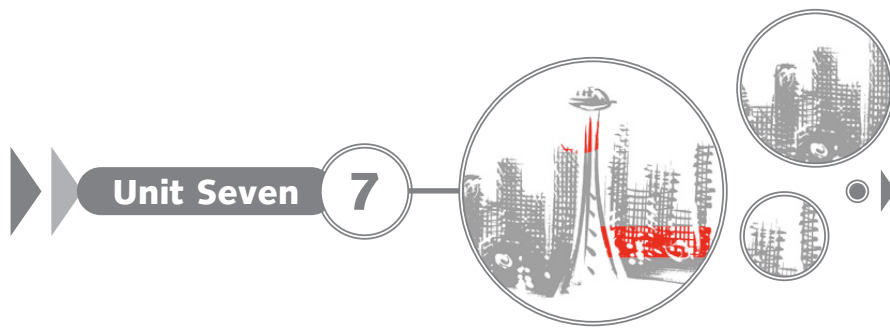


SKYLINE 3 UNIT 7



Teacher's notes

Review of Units 1–6

If you are using the split edition of *Skyline*, there is a brief Review Unit for Units 1–6. See page 64.

Thanksgiving – Summary

In scene 7A, Josh and Jennifer are at home. Josh feels down because Thanksgiving is coming and they cannot be with their parents, who have moved away. They both talk about the Thanksgiving holidays they used to have and what they used to do. In scene 7B, we see some people talking about what Thanksgiving means to them, and their opinions range from good food to a time to thank God for all he has given us. In scene 7C, all the friends are together to celebrate Thanksgiving as Josh and Jennifer decide to have a Thanksgiving dinner at home and invite all their friends. Each person says what they have to be thankful for.

1 Before you watch

Cultural note

- Ask the students to read the texts and decide which holidays they describe.
- Have them write in the correct names.
- Ask the students if they celebrate these holidays or have anything similar in their own country.
- Check their answers.

Answers: 1 Independence Day 2 Thanksgiving 3 Christmas

2 Watch for main ideas

29:38 – 35:15

- Have the students watch the video through.
- Ask them to mark the statements T (True) or F (False).
- Check their answers, asking the students to correct the false statements.

Answers: 1F (They feel down because they aren't with their parents)
2T 3F (They speak about why Thanksgiving is important) 4T
5F (They speak about what they are thankful for)

- ◀ Rewind the video to 7A 29:54 in preparation for **Watch for details**.

3 Watch for details

Scene 7A: 29:54 – 31:29

- Ask the students to read the sentences before they watch scene 7A.
- Pre-teach any new vocabulary as necessary, e.g. *to be / to feel down* (to feel depressed).
- Have the students watch scene 7A and choose the correct answers.
- Check their answers.

Answers: 1a 2c 3a

Scene 7B: 31:32 – 32:44

- Ask the students to read the phrases in the chart.
- Have the students watch scene 7B and check (✓) which speaker says what. There is some unfamiliar, quite high-level vocabulary in this scene. However, the students do not need to understand all of the vocabulary in order to perform the exercise, except perhaps for *reminisce* (to remember, think about).
- Check their answers.

Answers:

Speaker	1	2	3	4	5
being thankful for what you have				✓	
the closeness of your family			✓		
not buying presents	✓				
giving thanks to God					✓
people coming together		✓			

- The students may confuse speakers 2 and 3, but only speaker 3 focuses on the closeness of family.

Scene 7C: 32:46 – 35:15

- Ask the students to try to do the matching before they watch scene 7C. They should be able to guess some because of the characters' interests.
- Play scene 7C for the students to check their answers.

Answers: 1d 2f 3e 4a 5b 6g 7c

4 After you watch

Language focus: verb + *-ing* / *to* + verb

- Ask the students to read the questions.
- Explain that the first and last questions require a verb + *-ing* reply. The second question requires *to* + verb. They can refer to page 64 of their Student's Book, if necessary.
- Have each student go around the class and interview three classmates.
- Ask the students to note down the answers.
- Get feedback from the class on any interesting answers.

Discussion

- The purpose of this activity is to practice spoken fluency.
- Have the students list what they now know about Thanksgiving from the unit and from their own knowledge.
- Put the students into pairs and have them compare their lists.
- Ask the students to compare Thanksgiving with a holiday they know well from their own country.
- Ask one or two pairs to report their discussion to the class.

5 Communication activity

Turn to page 60 for the *Holidays* activity.

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Video Script

COUNTER
29:38–35:15

Scene 7A: 29:54 – 31:29

Jennifer: Josh, you know Thanksgiving is next week.
Josh: Yeah, I know, Sis. I'm kind of ... I don't know ... I'm pretty down about it, actually. I didn't think I would be. But ...
Jennifer: Yeah, me too. I wish Mom and Dad still lived around here. Now they're just so far away ...
Josh: Well, we'll see them at Christmas. That'll be good.
Jennifer: I know ... Thanksgiving won't be the same anymore.
Josh: Yeah, I know. You know, Thanksgiving was always my favorite holiday. I remember playing in the football game every year ...
Jennifer: Yeah, and I remember all of us coming to see you. My brother, the big football star!
Josh: Yeah, that was cool. And after we came home, everyone came over ... Grandma, Grandpa ... cousins ... we had the turkey ... watched more football on TV ...
Jennifer: Yeah, Thanksgiving was always my favorite holiday, too. Because it was about the whole family getting together ... eating a big meal ... and knowing that everyone else was at home, doing the same thing. Having Thanksgiving.

Scene 7B: 31:32 – 32:44

Speaker 1: What's important to me about Thanksgiving is uh, you don't have to buy presents. And you get to eat turkey and spend time with the family.
Speaker 2: I think the thing that's most important to me about Thanksgiving is simply the whole family – cousins, aunts, uncles, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers and everything coming together. It's uh, ritualistic in the sense that it just says, "Yes, we are a family, we love each other, we support each other." It's good food.
Speaker 3: I'm a mother of two grown children and a grandmother of three kids, and uh, that's a time for us to get together and reminisce, the closeness that we share, that's continued for years and years.
Speaker 4: Thanksgiving means, um, a lot of food and turkey of course, but um ... um ... being thankful for what you have at the moment in your life, being thankful for the people you have and where you are in your life right now ... and what you want to achieve.
Speaker 5: It's a time where, in America we come together to give thanks to God for all of his goodness and greatness. We do it every day, I do, but then it's a ... it's a formal way of America coming together and thanking God for his grace, his goodness and his mercy.

Scene 7C: 32:46 – 35:15

Josh: Come on over guys, dig in.
Luis: This table looks beautiful. Thank you for inviting us.
Jennifer: Well, thank you for coming. You see Josh and I were sad that we couldn't go home for Thanksgiving ...
Josh: So we decided to have our own Thanksgiving here.
Mariana: Thanksgiving is a very big uh, holiday, isn't it? Does everybody celebrate Thanksgiving?
Cal: Oh, yeah. All over the country.
Luis: And what's so special about it? The food?
Shawna: Well, yeah, the food. There's definitely a lot of great food prepared and eaten on Thanksgiving. But it's really about being thankful for what you have in your life ... And being thankful for the people you have in your life.
Jin: Well, I'm thankful for ... I'd like to give thanks to my parents for helping me go to school and for helping me come here so I can study medicine.
Sara: And me ... I'm ... I'm thankful for being able to sing ... to be in a band ... and being able to perform.
Jennifer: I think Jin has started a new tradition!
Cal: Well, I'm thankful for my new job. I love my work; I love what I do. And I love my new car.
Shawna: And I'm thankful for Cal, for being so wonderful to me.
Luis: Uh, I'm thankful for ... all this wonderful food ... and I'm also thankful for my friends.
Josh: And I want to thank my sister, Jennifer, for making this possible.
Jennifer: Well, I'm thankful for ... all of you ... all my friends and for all that we'll do all year.
Josh: OK! Let's eat!

Thanksgiving

1 Before you watch

▶▶ Cultural note

Look at the words in the box. Write the correct American holiday in the gaps in the text.

Christmas Independence Day Thanksgiving

- _____ celebrates America's birthday. It is a day of picnics and parades, a night of concerts and fireworks. People fly the American flag from their homes.
- _____ first took place in the 17th century. The founders of today's America gave thanks because rain saved their crops. Today it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Families have a meal, usually with turkey as the main dish, and people dress their children as pilgrims and have parades.
- _____ is a Christian holiday. People decorate their houses with lights, put up trees, give gifts, and send greeting cards. These things have become traditions even for many non-Christian Americans.



2 Watch for main ideas

a Watch Unit 7 and mark the statements T (True) or F (False).

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| 1 Josh and Jen feel good because they aren't with their parents at Thanksgiving. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 They remember Thanksgivings in the past. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 People speak about why Christmas is important. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Josh and Jennifer invite their friends for Thanksgiving dinner. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Everyone says what they celebrate in their country. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |

b Now check your answers.

3 Watch for details

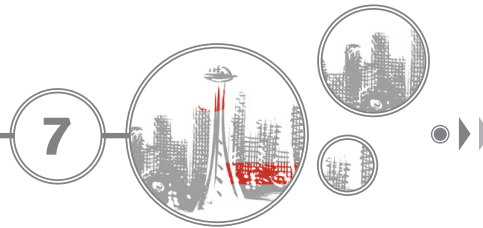
▶▶ Scene 7A

a Watch scene 7A again and choose the correct answer (a, b or c).

- Josh and Jennifer feel down because a) they miss their parents. b) they hate Thanksgiving. c) they will see their parents at Christmas.
- What does Josh remember? a) playing tennis b) playing soccer c) playing football
- Thanksgiving is Jennifer's favorite holiday because a) it is about the whole family. b) they eat a whole turkey. c) they watch Josh playing football.

b Now check your answers.

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Worksheet Thanksgiving

▶▶ Scene 7B

a Who says what? Watch scene 7B again and check (✓) which speaker says:
Thanksgiving is about ...

Speaker	1	2	3	4	5
... being thankful for what you have					
... the closeness of your family					
... not buying presents					
... giving thanks to God					
... people coming together					

b Now check your answers.

▶▶ Scene 7C

a The friends all say what they are thankful for. Match a person in A with what (or who) they are thankful for in B.

A	B
1 Jin	a Cal
2 Sara	b wonderful food and friends
3 Cal	c her friends
4 Shawna	d his parents
5 Luis	e the new job and new car
6 Josh	f being able to sing
7 Jennifer	g Jennifer for the meal

b Now watch scene 7C again and check your answers.

4 After you watch

Language focus: verb + *-ing* / *to* + verb

Ask three classmates the questions and complete the chart.

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3
What are you thankful for?			
What would you like to have / do?			
What could you live without?			

Discussion

List three things that you remember about Thanksgiving from this unit. Then compare your list with a partner. Discuss what you remember about Thanksgiving and compare it with a celebration in your own country.