

The First Thanksgiving: Problem Handouts



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Part 1

In early November, grocery store ads announce the sale of turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday and a trip to the store reveals well-stocked shelves of items for the big dinner. Scott and Allison, a young couple who recently moved into their very first home, have decided that this year the family should come to their new home for dinner. They discussed how much fun it would be to cook a turkey! After all, they have many years experience eating turkey dinners and watching turkeys being cooked so they're sure the process isn't too difficult!

Scott and Allison are planning to serve dinner at 2:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving (prior to the all important Dallas Cowboys football game....) and the total number of "turkey diners" sitting around their dining room table will be 16.

Questions to answer

1. What time should the turkey be put in the oven to serve dinner at 2:30 p.m.?
2. How will the cooks know that the turkey meat is cooked?
3. Why does the turkey skin turn brown?