



Macy's Thanksgiving
Day Parade

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. This parade is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The parade takes place throughout New York City on Thanksgiving Day each year. The parade has marching bands, Broadway show performances, Tom the Turkey and many other floats. Gigantic balloons are filled with helium and float above the parade route. People volunteer to be a balloon handler in the parade so the balloons don't float away! There are many character balloons that look like Snoopy, Spider Man, and a new balloon this year that looks like Minnie Mouse from Disney.

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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
parade balloon holiday Thanksgiving store/shopping	What will you learn? What do you think you will see at the parade? What would it be like to volunteer in the parade? Who will be in the parade?	I like that. You're right! Way to go! Maybe... Let's find out!	I think... I wonder... Let's see What else Tell me more



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? What do you think its like to be in a parade with so many people? What is your favorite part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? Have you ever been to New York City? What balloon characters would you like to see in the parade? What do you do on Thanksgiving?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.	What did you learn about these big balloons?	What things can you do in New York City ?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 years old • on Thanksgiving day • have big balloons in parade • new balloon of Mini Mouse • in New York city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are filled with Helium/ gas • balloons are really big • they fly in the sky • over the heads of watchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go to park • ice skating • see the tall buildings • go shopping at Macy's • see bBoadway shows