

Eating In The Dark

When the *Mayflower* set sail on September 6, 1620, its 102 passengers included more than 20 children. During that first hard winter in Plymouth, nearly half the adults died. But almost all the children survived!

What was life like for the Pilgrims? Remember: They were real people—just like you—who lived long ago. Below are some fascinating facts about the Pilgrims. Each one is the effect of a cause-and-effect statement. Read each effect; then see if you can provide its cause in the blank. Use what you already know about the Pilgrims to help you, plus try to make some good guesses!



Remember:

An effect tells what happened. A cause tells why it happened.

- _____ 1. On the *Mayflower*, some Pilgrims preferred to eat at night because _____
- _____ 2. In the main cabin, anyone over five feet tall had to walk bent over because _____
- _____ 3. No one could eat the pigs, goats, and sheep aboard the *Mayflower* because _____
- _____ 4. The Pilgrims took lots of spices to the New World because _____
- _____ 5. Cooking wasn't allowed on the ship due to _____
- _____ 6. The *Mayflower* could not go too close to the land because _____
- _____ 7. The Pilgrims were astonished when they met Samoset because _____
- _____ 8. The Pilgrims were not very good hunters due to _____
- _____ 9. Pilgrim families had chickens but rarely ate them because _____
- _____ 10. The Pilgrims didn't like vegetables because _____
- _____ 11. The Pilgrims often stood and ate right out of the cooking pot because _____
- _____ 12. Some children had to stand at the table at mealtimes because _____

Causes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. there was often nothing for them to sit on. b. they couldn't see the bugs crawling on their food. c. he could speak English. d. the ceiling was so low. e. eggs were so important. f. the Pilgrims hoped they would be the parents of large herds and flocks in America. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> g. they were just too busy for regular meals. h. the danger of starting a fire. i. they didn't consider vegetables real food. j. spices could cover up the bad taste of rotting food. k. it would get stuck in the sand. l. noisy and inaccurate guns. |
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Note To The Teacher: After duplicating this page, cut it along the first dashed line. Have students complete each statement with a reasonable cause. Then distribute the bottom section of the reproducible so that students can match each effect to its actual cause. Have students write the letter of each cause in the blank in front of its matching effect. See the answer key on page 61.