

The Mayflower and the Origins of Thanksgiving

The Mayflower was a **boat/a ship** and more precisely a **merchant ship**. But, in 1620 the Mayflower was used as a passenger ship. **There were 102 of them** and they called themselves "Saints", "Separatists" or "Pilgrims". They came from southern England and they **lacked** religious freedom. They refused **to give allegiance to** the Church of England. In other words, they **didn't** agree with the national religion and they **escaped / ran away from** religious persecution.

They first stopped in Holland but they didn't stay over there because they were suffering from religious discrimination once again. Indeed, **they were given low-paying jobs** and were excluded from the society. Thus, they **sailed across** the Atlantic Ocean to **settle** in the New World.

After **a two-month-long journey/ voyage** in the **worst** conditions possible, they **reached** the **shore** and **met/ encountered** Natives. The first year, many people **died of starvation** and the Indians **helped** them **out**. A year later, they **shared** their first **harvest/ crops** and formed an alliance with Native Americans and **eventually** celebrated **a three-day-long feast**.

Traduire "on était" + un nombre de personnes :

<p><i>On est 2</i></p> <p>=>There are two of us. / « just the two of us)</p>	<p><i>Ils sont 4</i></p> <p>=>There are 4 of them.</p>
<p><i>On était 2 au cinéma</i></p> <p>=>There were two of us at the cinema.</p>	<p><i>On sera 3 ce soir</i></p> <p>=> There will be 3 of us tonight.</p>

Painting by Jean Louis Gerome (1915)

