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Thanksgiving reminds us to be **grateful**, but for a lot of people, the holiday also means a weekend of eating a lot and watching football. And, my family is **no exception**.

My family likes to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner each year. We invite people from our **extended family**. We also invite close friends, especially those who don't **have family** in town. When it comes to Thanksgiving dinner, our **motto** is: **The more the merrier**.

Our dinner, of course, starts with a big **turkey, baked** in the oven. I always **carve** it before it's served. Then, we have the **fixings**. We always have **mashed potatoes, stuffing, yams, cranberries, and corn on the cob**. Some years, we **go wild** and have other vegetables and **sides**. And, for **dessert**, we have **pumpkin pie**. My wife is not a **big fan of** pumpkin pie so for her, we also have ice cream.

After we have a really big meal, we usually watch **football** on TV. Things usually get pretty **rowdy** since there are always fans on both sides **rooting** for their own team to win. Last year, my uncle almost got into a **fistfight** with my nephew. Luckily, no one, and no furniture harmed. **That was a relief!**