



THANKSGIVING ON THE BEACH — A MADLIB STORY

It was a **(adjective)** _____ Thanksgiving morning down on the beach, the kind where the waves looked **(adjective)** _____ and the sky felt like it was **(verb ending in -ing)** _____ just for us.

Instead of cooking a turkey, my family decided to pack a cooler full of **(plural noun)** _____ and head straight for the **(place on the beach)** _____.

Grandma showed up wearing her famous **(adjective)** _____ beach hat, which immediately blew off and landed in a pile of **(noun)** _____. She blamed the wind, but we all know it was actually **(celebrity's name)** _____'s fault somehow.

We spread out our towels, which immediately became a buffet for a very judgmental seagull named **(person's name)** _____.

Every time we tried to relax, he strutted up and stared at us like he was waiting for us to drop a **(food item)** _____ on purpose.

For our "Thanksgiving feast," we laid out a picnic of:

- **(food)** _____
 - **(food)** _____
 - **(food)** _____
- ...and one mysterious container no one packed, which smelled suspiciously like **(terrible-smelling noun)** _____.

At one point, Uncle **(male name)** _____ tried to give a heartfelt beachside toast, but he was interrupted by a rogue wave that drenched him head-to-toe and swept away his **(object)** _____. He shouted,

"THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE NICE **(plural noun)** _____!"

After lunch, we all played a game of beach football with a **(adjective)** _____ pumpkin we found rolling near the dunes. It lasted exactly **(number)** _____ seconds before someone yelled,

"WATCH OUT FOR THE **(large animal)** _____!"

(They weren't joking.)

As the sun set in **(color)** _____ streaks, we gathered in a circle, held hands, and shared what we were thankful for.

I said I was grateful for **(noun)** _____, for **(noun)** _____, and especially for the beach — even if it steals my **(object)** _____ every time I visit.

And honestly?

It was the most **(adjective)** _____ Thanksgiving I've ever had.

