Every year there are many holidays. What holidays do you celebrate? Write them on the lines below. If you need

more ideas, look at a calendar.



Now, look at your list of holidays. Which one do you think is the best? Circle your favorite.

Draw yourself celebrating the holiday.

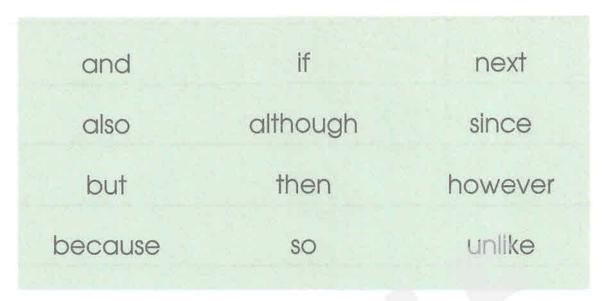
Look at the holiday you circled on page 84. Why is it your favorite? Complete the sentence.

This holiday is the best because ___

Think of another reason it is the best and write it below.

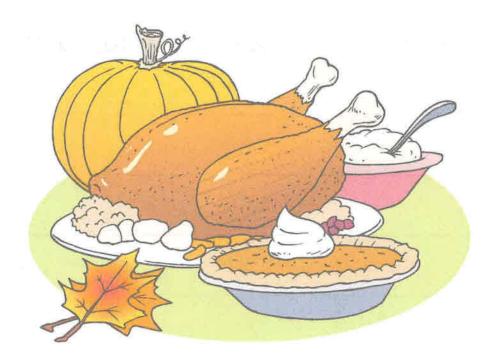
Think of one more reason it is the best and write it below.

You have opinions about the best holiday and reasons for your opinions. Writers can join opinions, reasons, and other ideas using **linking words** like the ones below.



Read the sentences Eli wrote about his favorite holiday. Circle the linking words.

Thanksgiving is the best holiday. It is my favorite because we eat turkey and mashed potatoes. I also like Thanksgiving because my grandma, grandpa, aunt, and uncle come over for dinner. I am never bored on Thanksgiving since I can play with my cousins.



Now, write about why you think the holiday you chose is the best. State your opinion. Give good reasons for your opinion. Use linking words to join your ideas. Include a good ending that will make your readers agree with you.