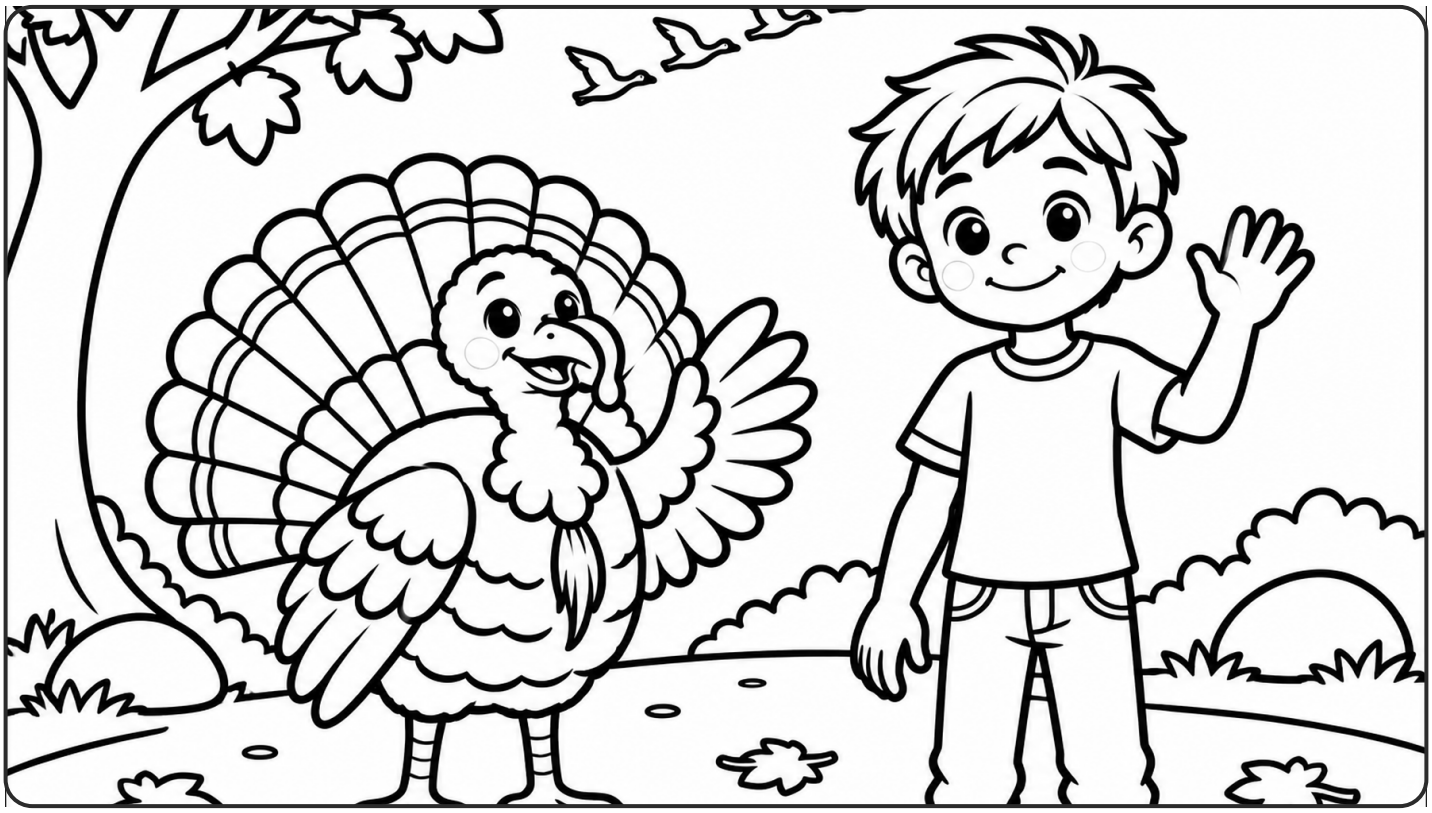
Why do turkeys gobble?

Gobble, gobble! Whoa! Why do turkeys gobble?



Why?

1. **Gobbling is mostly a boy turkey's job.**
   A boy turkey is called a tom, or a gobbler. A girl turkey is called a hen. Gobbling is mostly a boy turkey's job. Hens make other sounds.
2. **A gobble shouts: Hey, I'm over here!**
   The hens hear it and know where to find the tom. And other toms hear it too, so they know this spot is his.
3. **That's why a gobble is so loud.**
   On a quiet morning, a gobble can be heard up to a mile away. A mile is like walking for about twenty minutes!

Try it! Do your biggest gobble

You need: your voice, a grown-up in the next room

1. Stand tall.
2. Stretch out your neck like a turkey.
3. Do your biggest gobble! Can a grown-up in the next room hear you?

What happened? A tom's gobble is so loud that, on a quiet morning, it can be heard up to a mile away.

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