

ESL Vocabulary : HOLIDAYS
Independence Day (July 4)

Welcome to our new collection of exercises designed to help you practice English while learning about holidays. Some of these holidays are observed in all of the English-speaking world, while others are only celebrated in specific countries/regions. For each blank space, choose the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**. Good luck!

1. Independence Day is an American holiday which celebrates the independence of the United States from Great Britain, a result of the (*adoption/adaptation*) of the Declaration of Independence which was (*signed/signature*) on July 4, 1776.
2. On this day, there are (*numeral/numerous*) events all across the United States which celebrate the country's history and traditions.
3. The Fourth of July (which is how Independence Day is commonly referred to) is often (*assassinated/associated*) with fireworks, and there are some fantastic fireworks (*displays/portrayals*) all across the USA.
4. Many families spend the Fourth having a (*picnic/food*) or a barbecue.
5. People often (*decorate/color*) their houses or businesses in red, white, and blue - the colors of the American flag.
6. The most common decorations used are streamers, (*balloons/balls*), and banners, as well as cutouts of Uncle Sam and other patriotic figures.
7. This is the most (*patriotic/patriarchal*) of all American holidays.
8. Another common way to spend the Fourth of July is by (*attending/tending*) a concert, or watching one of the many Independence Day parades.
9. Because this holiday is in July, many of the celebrations happen (*outdoors/outwards*).