

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*).