



## Memorial Day

*Instructions: Repeat the words after your teacher says them. Next, listen to your teacher read the story. Finally, find a partner and practice reading the story.*

### Vocabulary Words:

Memorial Day	graves
holiday	silence
honor	fighting
soldiers	war
May	salute
cemeteries	sacrifice

Memorial Day is an American holiday to honor soldiers who died while they were in the military service. It is celebrated on the last Monday of May.

On Memorial Day, people visit cemeteries and put flags and flowers on the graves of soldiers. They say prayers or have a moment of silence to show respect. Some people salute the deceased soldiers. Some people cry.

Cities have parades with marching bands, floats, and horses. Politicians wave to the crowd and give speeches. Veterans wear their military uniforms and carry flags. A veteran is a person who was in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard.

Families have picnics and talk about their relatives who died while fighting in a war. They show photos and tell stories about them. It is important for everyone to know the sacrifice the soldiers have made. It is important for everyone to remember them.

The President of the United States visits the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia. The gravesite represents all the soldiers who died, but could not be identified.

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