

topic: **HOLIDAYS | Independence Day (USA)**

*Fill in each blank space with the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**:*

Independence Day is an American holiday which celebrates the independence of the United States from Great Britain, a result of the (1) _____ (adoption/adaptation) of the Declaration of Independence which was (2) _____ (signed/signature) on July 4, 1776.

On this day, there are (3) _____ (numeral/numerous) events all across the United States which celebrate the country's history and traditions.

The Fourth of July (which is how Independence Day is commonly referred to) is often (4) _____ (assassinated/associated) with fireworks, and there are some fantastic fireworks (5) _____ (displays/portrayals) all across the USA.

Many families spend the Fourth having a (6) _____ (picnic/food) or a barbecue.

People often (7) _____ (decorate/color) their houses or businesses in red, white, and blue - the colors of the American flag.

The most common decorations used are streamers, (8) _____ (balloons/balls), and banners, as well as cutouts of Uncle Sam and other patriotic figures.

This is the most (9) _____ (patriotic/patriarchal) or all American holidays.

Another common way to spend the Fourth of July is by (10) _____ (attending/tending) a concert, or watching one of the many Independence Day parades.

Because this holiday is in July, many of the celebrations happen (11) _____ (outdoors/outwards).

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ANSWERS:

1) adoption 2) signed 3) numerous 4) associated 5) displays 6) picnic
7) decorate 8) balloons 9) patriotic 10) attending 11) outdoors