

# Independence Day



#### **I. Express Yourself**



sovereignty

romance

liberty

endearment

admirer

afterlife

ghost

freedom

grim reaper

self-government

frightful

bogeyman

#### II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

fireworks

a. unusual to a striking degree; characterized by a great display

tribute to

b. to remain in existence or operation; go on; endure

spectacular

c. something given, done or said as a gift, testimonial, etc. that shows gratitude, respect, honor or praise

last

d. firecrackers, rockets, etc., exploded or burned, as in celebrations, to produce noises or brilliant lighting effects

#### **III. Conversation Practice**

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

**Miho**: Larry, I have a question. Next week is the Fourth of July holiday. Can you explain to me what it's about?

**Larry**: Sure. It was our Declaration of Independence from the kingdom of Great Britain in 1776. It's one of our most important holidays. Businesses are closed that day.

**Miho**: I see. A lot of countries celebrate this kind of holiday as well. Do you do anything special that day?

**Larry**: Usually we celebrate with a barbeque party and watch *fireworks* in the evening. It wouldn't be a real *tribute to* Independence Day without fireworks.

**Miho**: That sounds fun. I love watching fireworks. Where's the best place to see them? **Larry**: Last year we went to Manhattan to see the fireworks over the East River. **It was spectacular**.

Miho: Fantastic. I live in Manhattan. Will I be able to see them from my apartment?

**Larry**: <u>Maybe</u>, but if you walk down to the East River, you'll see them clearly and there'll be a lot of people there. It's like one big party. I'll go again this year. <u>Maybe we can go together.</u>

Miho: That would be great. What time do they start?

**Larry**: They usually start at 9pm and <u>last</u> for about 20 minutes.

Miho: I'm looking forward to it. See you on the Fourth.



<u>It was spectacular.</u>	<ul> <li>It was magnificent.</li> <li>It was splendid.</li> <li>It was outstanding.</li> <li>It was glorious.</li> <li>It was superb.</li> </ul>
Maybe.  Maybe we can go together.	<ul><li>Perhaps.</li><li>Possibly.</li><li>Probably.</li></ul>

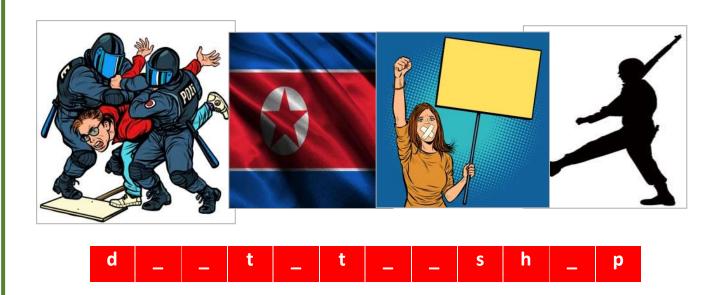
# IV. Role-play

Talk with your foreign friend about some important holidays in Japan.

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# Part 2

#### I. Introduction



#### II. Discussion

#### **Exercise A**

### How do you feel about ...?

going against what your mother wants for you?	
teenagers insisting on doing what they want?	
joining strange holidays in Japan?	
celebrating the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July in the U.S.A.?	

#### **Exercise B**

What activities would you like to do on a holiday?

Choose 5 activities from the list below.

binge – watching	drinking	sightseeing	hiking
mountain climbing	skiing	swimming	shopping
sleeping the whole day	dancing / partying	going out for a date	others

**Exercise C** 

## Role-play

It's Independence Day!
You want to make this day exciting and fun.

Call your friend and persuade him/her to do something fun like watching movies at home, drinking, eating out, etc.

