

UNIT 61



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: **Maybe**, 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. **Maybe we can go together.**

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

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

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



Key Points

It was spectacular.

- It was magnificent.
- It was splendid.
- It was outstanding.
- It was glorious.
- It was superb.

Maybe.
Maybe we can go together.

- Perhaps.
- Possibly.
- Probably.

IV. Role-play

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



Part 2

I. Introduction



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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 th 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.

