


# 52 Independence Day

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

## Language Point

<b>As a matter of fact,</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In fact,</li><li>- Actually,</li><li>- As it happens,</li></ul>	
<b>Why not join us?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Why don't you join us?</li><li>- How / What about joining us?</li><li>- You should come.</li></ul>	

## Key vocabulary

federal	adoption	host	commemorate
fireworks display	carried away	crowd	the Declaration of Independence

Part 1

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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**Independence Day** is an important celebration in many countries. In the United States, it is referred to as “the **Fourth of July**”. In Japan, **National Foundation Day** is celebrated on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



**II. PRESENTATION**

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**A. Expressions**

	Questions:
As a matter of fact,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Share three facts about National Foundation Day.</li></ul>
Why not join us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Do you do anything to celebrate National foundation Day?</li></ul>

## B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Leo:** As you likely know, Independence Day is a federal holiday to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 – the day America became an independent country. Will you be in New York on that day? It's a fun day of celebrations.

**Mayumi:** As a matter of fact, I will. What're your plans?

**Leo:** I'm hosting a barbeque on my roof. We have a great view of the fireworks display on the East River. Why not join us? We have a good crowd coming.

**Mayumi:** I want to go see the parade in the early afternoon but can stop by before the fireworks start at 9:00 p.m. Does that work?

**Leo:** Yes, that's perfect. One rule for the party is you have to wear red, white, and blue – the colors of the flag.

**Mayumi:** Ha-ha, okay, I'll make it happen. Americans seem very proud of their country and their flag.

**Leo:** Yes, we get a bit carried away sometimes, especially the noisy fireworks, but it's a fun time.

### Q & A!



- In your opinion, why is it important for a country to be independent?
- Do you think men and women have the same concept of freedom?
- Is it important for everyone to fight for their freedom?

Part 2

**III. PRACTICE**

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

**A. Celebrating a Holiday**

Directions: Choose one public holiday in your country. Then, cite three ways people often celebrate on this day.



## B. Let's Talk!

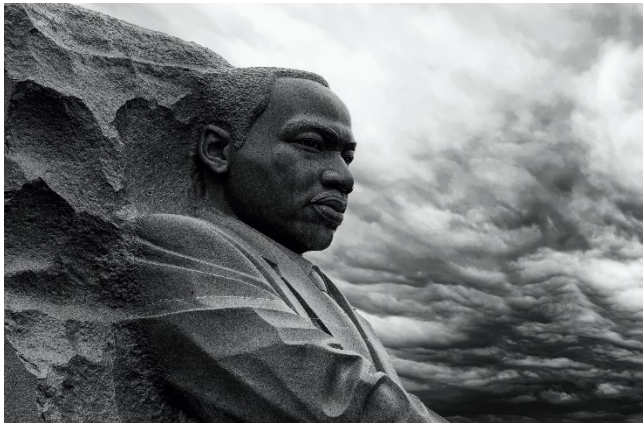
Directions: What can you say about the statements below?

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"Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?"

-Mahatma Gandhi



"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



"Let freedom reign. The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement."

-Nelson Mandela

## C. Role-Play

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Convince your teacher to visit Japan.  
Tell him/her great things about your country  
and how Japanese people express their freedom.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.