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Independence Day

Worksheet



Exercise 1: Talking about the USA

Have you ever been to the USA? What was it like? Where did you visit? Was it what you expected it to be like? If not, where would you like to visit in the USA? What do you think it would be like?

Exercise 2: Independence Day Quiz

The Fourth of July is an important holiday in the United States. It is Independence Day, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Below is a quiz. The answers are words associated with the United States. On the next page, the alphabet bubbles contain the answers mixed in with other words. Read the clues and write down the correct words.

Try to complete as many as you can without looking at the word bubbles.

a The expression goes: 'It's as American as _____!' It's something you eat.

b You'll need plenty of these if you're planning a visit. (An informal word for a dollar)

c She dances at football games to try and animate the crowd.

d Come here to see your favourite cartoon characters in the flesh.

e The King. Officially, he's dead, but some believe he was abducted by aliens.

f It comes after summer. It's also called autumn.

g Another word for boys or men, but often used when talking to or about people of either sex.

h No goodbye is complete without this expression.

i Carry this with you at all times, especially if you look younger than you really are!

j Sometimes called the classical music of black America.

k 'It's finger-licking good!' At least that's what Colonel Sanders said about his fast food.

l It's so important to the American way of life that there's a statue in New York Harbour personifying it.

m Some Americans spend all day here, shopping, eating and relaxing under one roof.

n All of the best (and tallest) players in the world play in it.

o The queen of TV talk show hosts, and one of the best-paid people on US TV.

p Another name for a formal high school dance.

q A 25-cent coin. Get four and you've got a dollar.

r Born in the 1950s, some say this music will never die.

s You can see these on the flag. There are 50 of one and 13 of the other.

t Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, this holiday is even bigger than Christmas.

u If you want to get away from the noise of downtown, get yourself a place to live here.

v The British have a holiday. The Americans take one of these.

w So you want to be where the money is? This could be the right place for you to work.

x For your eyes only if you're 18 or over.

y What New York private detectives jump in when they say, 'Follow that car!'

z How Americans say the last letter of the alphabet.

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apple pie
automobile

gals
geek
graduation
Greyhound
bus
groovy
guns
guys

mall
Marilyn
McDonald's
mega
Mickey Mouse
mom
Mormons

Thanksgiving
therapy
trucks

Barbie
baseball
blues
bro
buck

hamburger
Have a nice
day!
Hi!
high school
hillbilly
Hollywood
hot dog

nah
Native
Americans
NBA
nerd

uptown
US
Utah

Cajun
California
Calvin Klein
cheerleader
cool
cops

Oprah
Oreos

vacation

dad
dig it
dime
diner
Disneyland
dork
dot-com
drive-in
duh
dunno

ID
interstate

pledge of
allegiance
Popeye
powwow
prom

Wall Street
wanna
weird
westerns
White House
Wizard of Oz
wow

James Dean
jazz
jerk
John Doe
John Wayne
justice

Quakers
quarter
Queens

X-rated

Ellis Island
Elvis
evangelism

Kennedys
KFC
Kojak

religion
rock 'n' roll
Rockefeller
Rockies

yeah
yearbook
yellow cabs
yuppie

fall
far out
fast food
football
Ford

liberty
light

sitcom
skyscraper
slavery
Snoopy
stars and
stripes
states

zee
zip code