

## Activity 1: Timed treasure hunt

In this activity, you are going to learn about Independence Day in the United States. You have 15 minutes to complete this treasure hunt. When you have finished, swap answer sheets with another group.

### Websites

<http://time.com/4838700/americas-real-independence-day>

[www.roughguides.com/article/4th-of-july-celebrations](http://www.roughguides.com/article/4th-of-july-celebrations)

### Questions

1. What happened on 2 July, 1776?
2. What happened on 4 July, 1776?
3. When did most of the men sign the document?
4. Who died on 4 July, 1826?
5. Which place has the biggest free concert in the United States?
6. Which place is known as 'Kaboom! Town' and why?
7. Where, and for what, can participants win a \$1,000 prize?
8. Which place enjoys the most modern celebrations and what are they?

## Activity 2: More independence days

Now you're going to learn how other countries celebrate their independence days.

### Website

[mic.com/articles/10673/happy-independence-day-how-15-different-countries-celebrate-their-independence](http://mic.com/articles/10673/happy-independence-day-how-15-different-countries-celebrate-their-independence)

Research just the three countries below, completing the tables with the missing information. Then tell another pair what you learnt.

For each of your three countries, find out ...

- ... when their independence day is;
- ... what year they gained independence;
- ... who they gained their independence from;
- ... how they celebrate.

## Mexico

independence day and year	independence from	celebrations

## Ghana

independence day and year	independence from	celebrations

## South Korea

independence day and year	independence from	celebrations

Now tell another pair what you learnt. Make your talk as interesting as you can. Here are some tips:

- Make eye contact!
- Do not simply read out your notes.
- Add personal information. For example:
  - » Which celebrations do you think are the best?
  - » Which independence days, if any, did you already know something about?
  - » Does your country celebrate independence in a similar way?
- Ask the other pair questions, such as:
  - » Do you know which country they won independence from?
  - » When do you think they won their independence?
  - » Would you like to attend these celebrations? Why (not)?

# Webquest: Independence Day

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While the other pair are talking, you can encourage them by saying:

- Ah, ok.
- I see.
- Oh, I didn't know that!
- That sounds like fun!