

# CELEBRATIONS

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## Independence Day

Teacher's notes

**Age:** Teenagers/Adults  
**Level:** Intermediate (B1)  
**Time:** 45 minutes



**TEACHING TIP:** If students don't know all of the vocabulary, hand out dictionaries and tell students to look up any unfamiliar words. Reading the definitions will provide them with new vocabulary which they can then teach to their classmates.

**Activity:** In this lesson, students will:

1. Do a quiz about the US using the alphabet
2. Write their own quiz

**Language focus:** vocabulary connected to the United States

**Materials:** one copy of the worksheet per student; a couple of sheets of blank paper per student

### Procedure

1. Write USA on the board. Ask students to work in pairs and write down all the words they can think of that are associated with the USA. Give them a strict time limit of three minutes.
2. Next, hand out the worksheet. Ask students to look at the pictures at the top of the page and see if they have written down any of the words which the pictures represent. If not, they should add them to their list.
3. When they have finished, discuss what they have written in their lists, offering any help needed with spelling and pronunciation.
4. Ask students to look at Exercise 1. Find out if anyone in the class has visited the USA and whether it was similar to what they expected.
5. Next tell students do Exercise 2, choosing words or expressions from the alphabet bubbles on page 2 of the worksheet.
6. When they have finished, check the answers as a class, nominating students randomly. Once all the answers have been checked, tell students to work with a new partner and write another quiz about the USA using the words and phrases which were not used in the first quiz.

7. Students work in groups and prepare a similar A-Z quiz about their country (without the word list clues if they are from the same country). Then they pass it on to other groups to answer.

Key:

apple pie  
buck  
cheerleader  
Disneyland  
Elvis  
fall  
guys  
Have a nice day!  
ID  
jazz  
KFC  
liberty  
mall  
NBA  
Oprah  
prom  
quarter  
rock 'n' roll  
stars and stripes  
Thanksgiving  
uptown  
vacation  
Wall Street  
X-rated  
yellow cabs  
zee