

Independence Day.

Read and complete. For each number 1 - 10, choose word A, B or C.

The United States of America celebrates their independence day 1 _____ the 4th of July . They commemorate the day 2 _____ 1776 when the thirteen American colonies declared 3 _____ free from the British rule. Forced to pay taxes to England with no representation in Parliament, the colonies wrote a detailed document, the Declaration of Independence and sent it 4 _____ the King of England, George III. They severed their ties with Great Britain. The event came to be recognized as the most important one in American history and the document signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania provided the basis of American Constitution 5 _____ was issued some 11 years later. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4, 1777. 6 _____ the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate 7 _____ birthday and also to celebrate the fact that as one nation, people are free to have their own religion and their own faith. Nowadays, every July fourth, Americans have a holiday from work. Communities have day-long picnics with favourite foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and all the fixings. The afternoon activities would not be complete 8 _____ lively music, a friendly baseball game, three-legged races and a pie-eating or watermelon-eating contests. Some cities have parades with people dressed as the original founding fathers 9 _____ march in parades to the music of high school bands. At dusk, people in towns and cities gather to watch the fireworks display. 10 _____ Americans are around the globe, they will get together for a traditional 4th of July celebration! Adapted from:
www.theholidayspot.com/ - www.holidays.net/independence/story.htm
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| 1. A in | B on | C at |
| 2. A in | B on | C at |
| 3. A itself | B himself | C themselves |
| 4. A to | B at | C from |
| 5. A whom | B which | C who |
| 6. A by | B from | C at |
| 7. A Americas | B America's | C American |
| 8. A without | B with | C together |
| 9. A which | B who | C whom |
| 10. A wherever | B whenever | C forever |



KEY: 1B2A3C4A5B 6A 7B 8A9B10A
1.On the 4th of July .2They commemorate their independence from Great Britain in 1776. 3Because they were obliged to pay taxes to Britain without any representation in the British Parliament. 4They wrote a document which was sent to the King of England George III , there they declared their freedom from the British rule.5.Because its principles are at the basis of the American Constitution.6.It was celebrated on the 4th July 1777. 7Americans celebrate it with big parties, parades with people dressed in the founding fathers costumes, they usually watch the fireworks displays..

Answer:

1. When is Independence Day celebrated?
2. What do Americans commemorate?
3. Why did the colonies revolt against Great Britain?
4. What did the colonies write ?
5. Why is the Declaration still important today?
6. When was Independence day first celebrated ?
7. How do Americans celebrate it today?