



Two Days Off, but Right in the End

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On July 3, 1776, John Adams wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail. He said that one day would be remembered forever. People would celebrate it with games, guns, bells, and bright lights. But the day he wrote about was July 2, not July 4.



② On July 2, leaders from 13 American colonies voted to break away from Britain. Two days later,

on July 4, they accepted a paper that explained why. It was the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson wrote most of it. He was only 33 years old. Printed copies carried the date July 4, 1776, so people remembered that day.

③ Here is another surprise. Most of the leaders did not sign the Declaration on July 4. They signed a clean copy on August 2, almost a month later. In the end, 56 men signed it. John Hancock wrote his name so big that his name now means signature. It is about 13 centimeters long!

④ Adams and Jefferson later became the second and third presidents. Then something strange happened. Both men died on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the Declaration. Jefferson died first, and Adams died a few hours later.

⑤ Today, Americans call the holiday Independence Day or the Fourth of July. Towns have parades in the morning. Some towns also read the Declaration out loud. Families eat hot dogs and hamburgers in their backyards. At night, fireworks fill the sky in red, white, and blue. Adams got the date wrong, but he was right about the party.

Words 単語

independence 独立

colony 植民地

vote 投票する

declaration 宣言

accept 受け入れる、採択する

sign 署名する

signature 署名

president 大統領

exactly ちょうど、正確に

fireworks 花火

backyard 裏庭

parade パレード



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main point of the story?

- (A) Fireworks were invented in 1776.
- (B) The story of July 4 has surprising facts about dates.
- (C) John Adams did not like parties.
- (D) America became independent in 1826.

2. When did the leaders vote to break away from Britain?

- (A) July 2, 1776
- (B) July 3, 1776
- (C) July 4, 1776
- (D) August 2, 1776

3. How many men signed the Declaration in the end?

- (A) 13
- (B) 26
- (C) 50
- (D) 56

4. Why did people remember July 4 and not July 2?

- (A) Because Adams told them to.
- (B) Because printed copies had the date July 4.
- (C) Because the fireworks were on July 4.
- (D) Because Jefferson was born on July 4.

5. In paragraph 3, a "clean copy" is a copy that is ...

- (A) washed with water
- (B) neatly written again
- (C) kept in a clean room
- (D) printed in color

6. Which is true according to the story?

- (A) Adams died before Jefferson.
- (B) Jefferson became the second president.
- (C) Adams and Jefferson died on the same day.
- (D) Most leaders signed on July 4.

7. What does the last sentence mean?

- (A) Adams chose the wrong food for the party.
- (B) Adams was wrong about the date, but people do celebrate as he said.
- (C) Adams never went to a party.
- (D) Adams wanted fireworks on July 2 only.

8. In the dialogue, what does Olivia ask Kenta to do?

- (A) Bring hamburgers
- (B) Sign a paper
- (C) Wear red, white, or blue
- (D) Watch the fireworks on TV

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Independence Day is on July 4.	T / F
The leaders voted for independence on July 2.	T / F
Most leaders signed the Declaration on July 4.	T / F
Thomas Jefferson wrote most of the Declaration.	T / F
Adams and Jefferson died in different years.	T / F
There is a treasure map on the back of the Declaration.	T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



●

● paper



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● hot dog



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● watermelon



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● fireworks



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● trumpet



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● eagle



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● bell



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● pie

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. D R E M E F O

2. A R A D E P

3. C O L Y N O

4. S G N R E U A I T

5. I P C I C N

6. I T R O S H Y

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

4

quiet

fireworks

barbecue

pie

birthday

flag

parade

blue

snow

music

breakfast

dark

Lucas Gets Ready for the Fourth

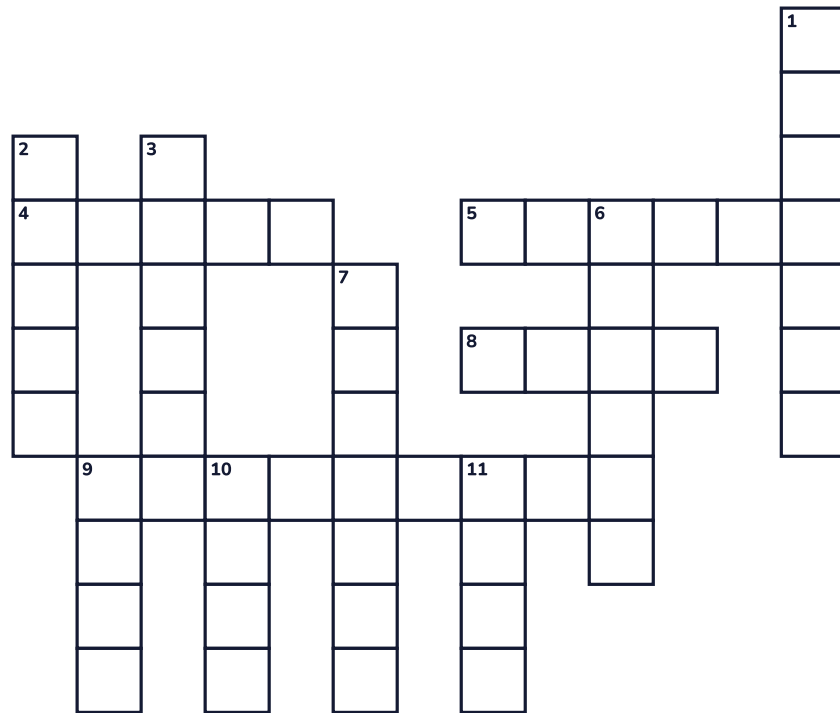
It is the morning of July (1) _____. Lucas puts a small (2) _____ on his bike. Then he rides to Main Street to watch the (3) _____. A band plays loud (4) _____, and people wear red, white, and (5) _____. In the afternoon, his family has a (6) _____ in the backyard. His mom makes an apple (7) _____. When it gets (8) _____, everyone goes to the lake. Boom! The (9) _____ light up the sky. "Happy (10) _____, America!" Lucas shouts.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 4 The second president. He wrote to his wife on July 3, 1776. (5)
- 5 A meal you eat outside in a park. (6)
- 8 The famous one in Philadelphia has a crack. (4)
- 9 He wrote most of the Declaration. (9)

Down ↓

- 1 His big signature is famous. (7)
- 2 A big bird. The bald one is a symbol of America. (5)
- 3 Bands and people walk down the street in this. (6)
- 6 A place ruled by another country far away. (6)
- 7 Being able to do what you want. Liberty. (7)
- 9 The seventh month of the year. (4)
- 10 The Stars and Stripes is one. (4)
- 11 To write your name on a paper. (4)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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P	V	J	N	B	E	L	F	L	T	H	R	M
I	F	I	R	E	W	O	R	K	S	N	P	A
C	H	F	R	E	E	D	O	M	J	A	N	S
N	S	P	M	V	O	T	E	D	V	G	C	I
I	T	S	G	K	Y	U	E	V	S	G	A	G
C	A	T	T	G	Y	D	F	Y	J	T	O	N
G	R	G	I	R	A	L	L	W	A	L	P	G
V	S	U	H	R	I	U	A	G	V	K	N	K
U	S	Y	A	D	J	P	G	B	M	I	G	R
I	T	P	I	O	S	I	E	B	E	L	L	H
V	M	Y	E	A	G	L	E	S	I	A	R	M
E	T	P	R	P	N	Y	H	O	T	D	O	G
V	L	H	E	H	W	L	T	L	N	L	U	F

Find these words! 13

- ☐ BELL
- ☐ EAGLE
- ☐ FIREWORKS
- ☐ FLAG
- ☐ FREEDOM
- ☐ HOTDOG
- ☐ JULY
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ SIGN
- ☐ STARS
- ☐ STRIPES
- ☐ VOTE

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。

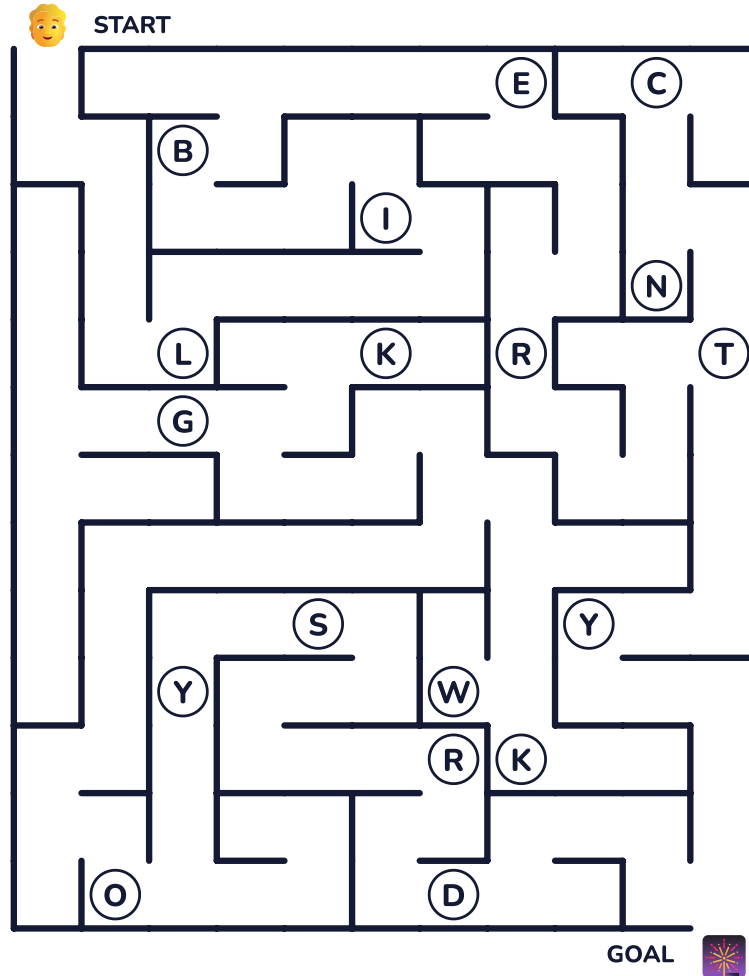


**Maze & Sentences**

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Help Kenta find the fireworks!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. for / on / 2 / July / voted / independence / They .

2. wrote / the / of / most / Declaration / Jefferson .

3. in / Most / leaders / August / signed / it .

4. died / on / July / 1826 / men / 4, / Both .

5. fireworks / watch / the / Fourth / on / We .

**Class Activity & Writing**

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has seen big fireworks	
... likes hot dogs	
... knows the name of an American president	
... has written a letter by hand this year	
... can sign his or her name in English	
... has been to a parade	
... likes apple pie	
... knows what color the stripes on the American flag are	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I could write a letter to John Adams, I would say _____.

On the Fourth of July, I would like to _____ because _____.

I think all people should have the right to _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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fireworks



hot dog



bell



eagle

