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Passage given below.

The expression _____ gets its meaning from the fireworks that people shoot into the _____ when they are celebrating a great event. Rockets _____ to fill the dark, night sky with bright reds and blues, with _____ and greens and whites.

The _____ also means a great show of noisy anger, or something exciting. For example, a _____ lawyer in a court trial may become very _____ in arguing with the government lawyer about evidence affecting the accused. The _____ finally stops the loud _____ and calls the two lawyers forward. He tells them, "**I want no more of these fireworks in my courtroom.**"

Another kind of fireworks can be any event or _____ that is _____ exciting. One such event is falling in love. If anything can produce fireworks, it is a sweetheart's kiss or the touch of a lover's hand. Often _____ or **show fireworks to represent the excitement of a _____ .**

People use the expression fireworks throughout the year. But if you live in the _____ and want to see real fireworks, the best time of the year is about now. The _____ of July is _____ in the United States. Americans traditionally celebrate their nation's _____ with _____ public parties and fireworks at night.

In Washington, for example, large _____ gather near the Washington Monument to listen to music and watch a huge fireworks show. In other cities and smaller towns, local _____ listen to band concerts and watch fireworks explode in a dark sky.

Many other _____ around the world also enjoy the tradition of exploding fireworks on special days. In Australia, the city of _____ begins each new year with a fireworks show at _____. _____ is the birthplace of fireworks. Large fireworks shows were held often during earlier times in China. Now, people use small fireworks to help celebrate _____ and birthdays.

France also has a great fireworks tradition. A large fireworks _____ always takes place on Bastille day which celebrates the beginning of the French _____. The _____ city of Cannes holds an international fireworks competition each year in July and _____.

In India, people have been using fireworks for more than five hundred years. A great Indian fireworks show takes place during the _____ celebration of _____, every _____.

Fireworks shows are popular around the world. But if I do not end this _____ right now, there will be fireworks from my _____.

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