

1 Complete this paragraph with the words in the box.

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| ☐ get together | ☐ music | ☐ fireworks | ☐ decorations |
| ☒ holidays | ☐ customs | ☐ picnic | ☐ celebrate |

One of the most important national holidays in the United States is Independence Day. This is the day when Americans _____ winning their independence from Britain almost 250 years ago. There are many _____ for Independence Day. Most towns, big and small, mark this holiday with parades and _____. They put up a lot of _____, usually in red, white, and blue, the colors of the U.S. flag. Bands play patriotic _____. It's also a day when many Americans _____ with family and friends to celebrate with a barbecue or a _____.



2 Complete the sentences with the clauses in the box.

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| ☐ when I feel sad and depressed | ☐ when people have to pay their taxes |
| ☐ when school starts | ☐ when summer vacation begins |

1. I hate April 15! In the United States, it's the day _____.
I always owe the government money.
2. June is my favorite month. It's the month _____.
I always go straight to the beach.
3. September is my least favorite month. It's the month _____.
Good-bye, summer!
4. I've never liked winter. It's a season _____.
The cold weather always affects my mood negatively.



3 Special days

A Use words from the box to complete the sentences.

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| ☐ February | ☐ tricks |
| ☒ June | ☐ wedding |
| ☐ anniversary | ☐ presents |
| ☐ party | ☐ fireworks |

1. June is the time of year when there are a lot of weddings in the U.S.
2. We always have a _____ at our house on New Year's Eve.
3. Janice and Nick are getting married soon. They plan to have a small _____ with just a few family members.
4. Valentine's Day is on _____ 14th every year.
5. My friends and family gave me some very nice _____ on my birthday.
6. People like to play _____ on each other on April Fools' Day.
7. On the Fourth of July, many people shoot _____ into the sky at night.
8. Tomorrow is my parents' 25th wedding _____.

