

I.S.I.C.A.N.A- WEEK 2:

Before reading answer:

1. What do people usually do in July in your country?
2. Do cities celebrate national holidays differently?
3. Is life in big cities more exciting than in small cities?



"July in Two Different Cities"

July is an important month in the United States. The weather is warmer, and people usually spend more time outdoors. Many families organize barbecues, visit national parks, or travel to other states. Students often take summer courses or look for temporary jobs.

In cities like New York City, life is fast and dynamic. People work long hours, and the streets are always busy. During the week, most residents follow their routines: they commute to work, attend meetings, and manage their responsibilities. However, on July 4th, the atmosphere changes completely.

Thousands of people gather near the river to watch fireworks. Restaurants offer special menus, musicians perform in public spaces, and families celebrate together. At this moment, many people are preparing food, decorating their houses, and taking photos.

In contrast, smaller cities such as Philadelphia feel more traditional and historic. Celebrations there are sometimes more formal, and many events include references to American history. Some people believe these celebrations are more authentic than the ones in larger cities.

For international students, this period is an opportunity to observe cultural differences. They usually compare traditions in the United States with those in their own countries. Some say American celebrations are louder and bigger, while others think celebrations at home are more meaningful.

Task 1 – Choose the Best Summary

Which summary is correct?

- A) The text explains American history in detail.
- B) The text compares life and celebrations in different cities in July.
- C) The text describes only fireworks in New York.

Task 2 – Match each paragraph with its main idea:

1. Paragraph 1 →
2. Paragraph 2 →
3. Paragraph 3 →
4. Paragraph 4 →
5. Paragraph 5 →

- A. Comparison between cities
- B. Importance of July in general
- C. Perspective of international students
- D. Celebrations in big cities
- E. Smaller city atmosphere

Task 3- Read the text and choose True / False / Not Mentioned. Correct false statements.

1. People always work during July.
2. New York City is described as fast and dynamic.
3. Philadelphia celebrations are more modern.
4. International students compare traditions.
5. July 4th lasts several days.

Now, answer these questions

1- Why do families spend more time outdoors in July?

2-What are people doing during July 4th celebrations?

3-How are celebrations in smaller cities different?

4-Why is July important for international students?

Task 4. Find words in the text that mean:

1. Busy and energetic →
2. Real or genuine →
3. Important duties →
4. Chance →

B. Complete the table:

Word	Noun	Adjective	Verb
tradition	_____	Traditional	_____
celebrate	Celebration	_____	celebrate
meaning	_____	Meaningful	_____

Task 5. From the text, find:

- 3 Present Simple sentences describing routine.
 - * _____
 - * _____
 - * _____
- 3 Present Continuous sentences describing actions now.
 - * _____
 - * _____
 - * _____

Then answer:

Why is this sentence Present Simple?

"People work long hours."

Why is this sentence Present Continuous?

"People are preparing food."

Task 6- Rewrite this sentence in a different way:

"New York is fast and dynamic."

→ Use a comparative form.

Rewrite:

"People are preparing food and decorating houses."

→ Use Present Simple to describe a routine.