

Special days, special celebrations – by Tom

4th July is an important day for American people, as well as for my parents. Each year, on 4th July, Americans celebrate their Independence Day, whereas my parents celebrate their wedding anniversary.

My mum and dad love travelling and they have visited many interesting countries so far, but they have three favourite places, namely: Kenya, the Bahamas and the Hawaiian Islands, USA.

Ten years ago, on 4th July, my parents were in Hawaii for the second time and got married there.

Their wedding ceremony took place at about 10 am. It wasn't in a church, but on a beautiful, sandy beach with a view of a volcano called Diamond Head. It was a warm, sunny day, typical weather for Hawaii. My mum and dad did not invite any guests and they did not get any presents, but they still have wonderful memories.

While my parents were having their ceremony, many Americans were on the beach too, celebrating Independence Day with barbecues, sunbathing, swimming and spending a great time together.

In the afternoon, in the city centre, there were some parades with marching bands and dancers. The atmosphere was joyful. In the evening, people went to cafés and restaurants and waited for the fireworks. Then, on Waikiki Beach between 8.30 and 9.00 p.m., everyone could enjoy a spectacular fireworks display.

All in all, that 4th July ten years ago was a very special day for my parents, and since that time they celebrate every 4th July together with Americans.

Zadanie 1 Napisz, które zdania są prawdziwe (T), a które fałszywe (F).

- 1 Tom's parents got married in Kenya.
- 2 Tom's parents have never visited Hawaii.
- 3 The wedding ceremony was in a church.
- 4 Tom's parents got a lot of wedding gifts.
- 5 The Americans in Hawaii spent their Independence Day morning watching parades.
- 6 People could watch the fireworks on Waikiki Beach.

Zadanie 2 Odpowiedz na pytania pełnymi zdaniami.

- 1 What are Tom's parents favourite places?
- 2 Have they ever been to Poland?
- 3 What was the weather like during their wedding ceremony?
- 4 Why is 4th July important for Tom's parents?