

# *Independence Day*





*On July 4 the Americans celebrate their national holiday — Independence Day. The United States gained independence as a result of gradual and painful process.*



*By the mid 1700's, it became difficult for thirteen British colonies in the New World to be ruled by a king 3000 miles across the ocean. The British empire imposed high taxes upon the colonies. In 1775, the Revolutionary War began and lasted until 1783.*



*On July 4, Americans have holiday from work. People have day-long picnics with favourite foods like hot dogs, ham-burgers, potato salad, baked beans.*

*• Lively music is heard everywhere. People play baseball or compete at three-legged races or pie-eating or water-melon-eating contests.*





- **Wherever Americans are around the globe they will get together to celebrate Independence Day.**