

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.**