

Marking Independence

In the United States, Independence Day is marked by fireworks, a tradition that dates back to the first Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1777.

Match the celebration with the correct country!



Kite flying symbolizes freedom. All over the country, the skies are dotted with countless kites of various shapes and shades flown from the rooftops. These people also decorate their houses and offices with the colors of the flag; saffron, white and green.



Independence Day is celebrated with nationwide street parties, music and dance in this country that became independent from colonial powers.

This country celebrates with a large military parade (they originated the custom of connecting military parades to independence celebrations) and there is also nationwide tradition in which fire stations open their doors to the public for dancing, drinking, and partying. The firefighters are dressed-up in their uniforms, and occasionally, they perform some live demonstrations to entertain the guests.



Celebrations start with flag hoisting by honored high-school students, and continue with non-competitive sports like *panjat pinang*, which challenges people to scale slippery trees in hopes of grabbing the prizes that have been placed at the top. Panjat pinang symbolizes the struggle of this nation to achieve their independence from the Dutch.



Independence celebrations start with a torch-lighting ceremony where 12 honorees from different communities and fields light torches "for the glory of the country". The day continues with barbecues and picnics.



Also called National Flag Day, the blue and yellow of the nation's flag festoon the whole country for Independence Day, and many people wear traditional dress. The celebrations begin with a service at St. Sophia's Cathedral in the capital city.



ISRAEL – 5 IYAR ON THE HEBREW CALENDAR

INDIA – AUGUST 15

GHANA – MARCH 6

INDONESIA – AUGUST 17

FRANCE – JULY 14

UKRAINE – AUGUST 24