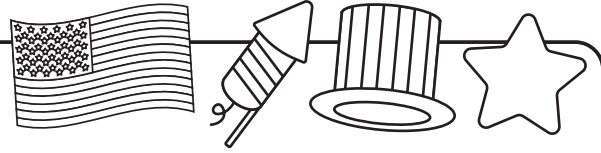


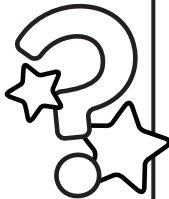
TOYS R US CELEBRATES: Independence Day

WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING?



July 4th is America's birthday! Independence Day gives us a chance to celebrate the things that make our country a wonderful place to live.

5 INDEPENDENCE DAY FACTS:



- **The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776**, declaring the 13 American colonies independent from British rule.
- **The first official Fourth of July celebration was held in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777.** It included fireworks, which are still the most popular way to observe the holiday.
- **It was established as a holiday by Congress in 1870**, and as a paid holiday in 1938.
- **The American flag** has 13 stripes, to represent the original 13 colonies. There are 50 stars, one for each state.
- **The Star-Spangled Banner**, first written in 1814, became America's national anthem in 1931.



5 PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- **George Washington:** As a commander, George Washington led troops to victory in the Revolutionary War. He then served as our country's first president from 1789 to 1797.
- **John Hancock:** As a wealthy merchant, John Hancock used his influence to aid the movement for American independence. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.
- **Benjamin Franklin:** Benjamin Franklin was a writer, scientist, inventor, and publisher who helped draft the Declaration of Independence. He was also the United States' first Postmaster.
- **Deborah Sampson:** In 1782, Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces to fight for independence in the Revolutionary War. She received an honorable discharge when her true identity was discovered a year and a half later.
- **Betsy Ross:** According to American folklore, seamstress Betsy Ross is believed to have sewn the first "stars and stripes" U.S. flag in 1776.

Independence Day **WORD SEARCH**

Test your knowledge with our Fourth of July word search!

Find the following words hidden in the puzzle.

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