

AMERICAN CELEBRATIONS



GOALS

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1. **compare British and American festivals,**



2. **speak about Indian and Irish celebrations,**



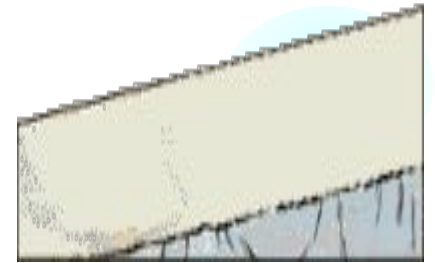
**3. prepare to speak
about American
Thanksgiving and about
Christmas in Australia**



VOCABULARY

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- **A FEAST – a splendid meal**



- **TO SIGN – to write one's name on the document in order to show that one agrees with the contents**



- **A PURITAN – a member of a division of a protestant church which wanted simpler forms of church ceremony**



- **TO GATHER AND KEEP CROPS – to collect harvest and cause to remain in a specified state**



- **MASHED/ROAST POTATOES -**
beat into a mash/ cooked in a
hot oven potatoes



- **CRANBERRY SAUCE – sauce of**
a small sour red berry of a shrub



- **MINCE PIES – sweet pies**

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- **RESOLUTION – something one decides to do, especially in new year**



QUESTIONS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

1. **When and why do American people celebrate Independence Day?**
2. **How do they celebrate it?**
3. **What British festival is similar to it?**



THANKSGIVING

- 1. Why do Americans have Thanksgiving feast?**
- 2. What do they eat on that day?**
- 3. When do British people have similar dinner?**



CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR

1. **What differences are there between American and British Christmas?**
2. **What tradition differs American and British New Year?**
3. **What holiday do the majority of American children prefer? Why?**



GUY FOX NIGHT

1. **What do British people have for dinner on Guy Fox Night?**
2. **Do Americans celebrate this holiday?**



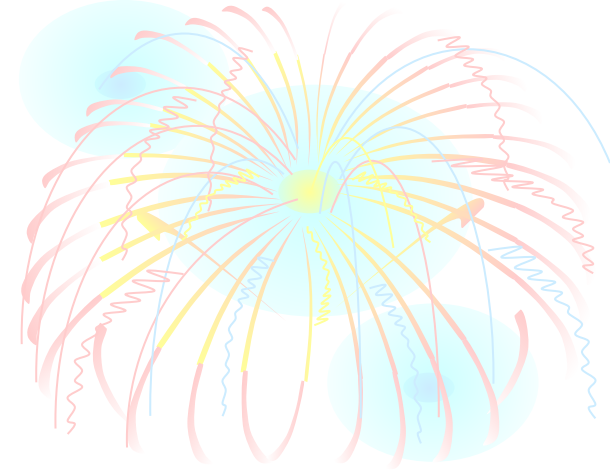
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

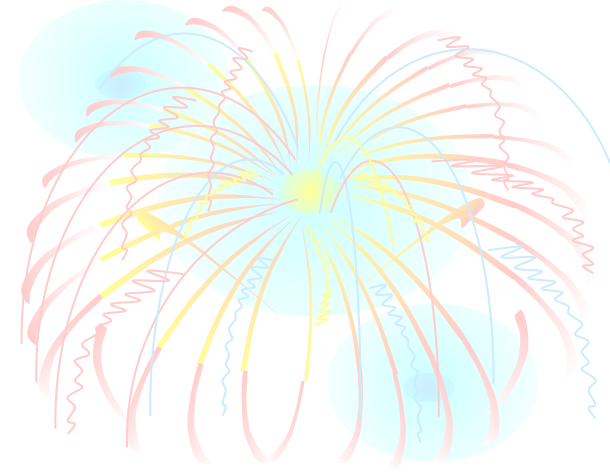
- 1. American people celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July because in 1776 the USA signed the Declaration of Independence of Britain.**





2. They celebrate it with picnics, parades with decorated floats, costumes, concerts and fireworks.

1776

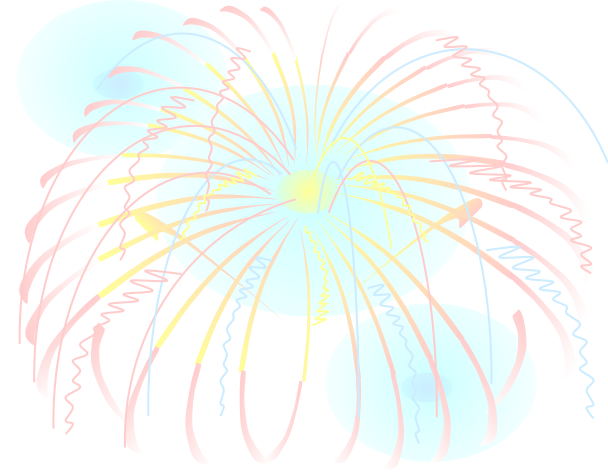


3. It is similar to British Notting Hill carnival.





Americans want to thank Indians for their help in 1621. When American puritans spent their first winter in America, half of them died of cold and hunger. Indians showed them how to gather and keep crops. Puritans thanked them with a feast.





2. Americans eat turkey, mashed potatoes, with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie on that day.



3. British people have similar lunch on Christmas – turkey, potatoes, vegetables, sweet mince pies.



CHRISTMAS



Americans don't have huge Christmas lunch with goose or turkey, roast potatoes, winter vegetables, sweet mince pies with cream and Christmas pudding. They don't go for a walk and play games either.



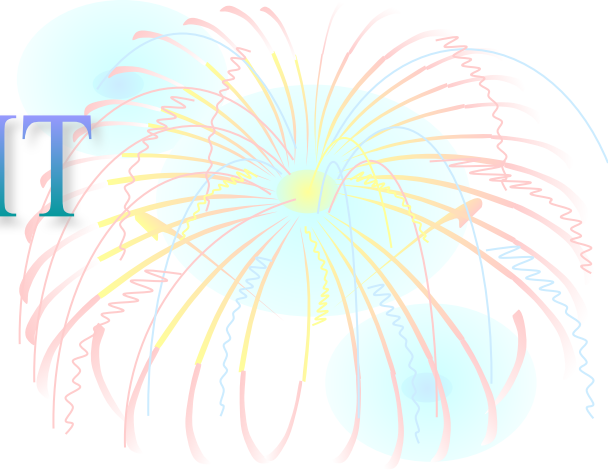
2. Americans make New Year resolutions.



3. The majority of American children prefer Christmas because of presents, fun and dinner with families .



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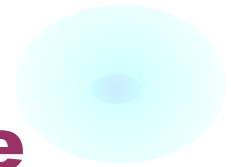
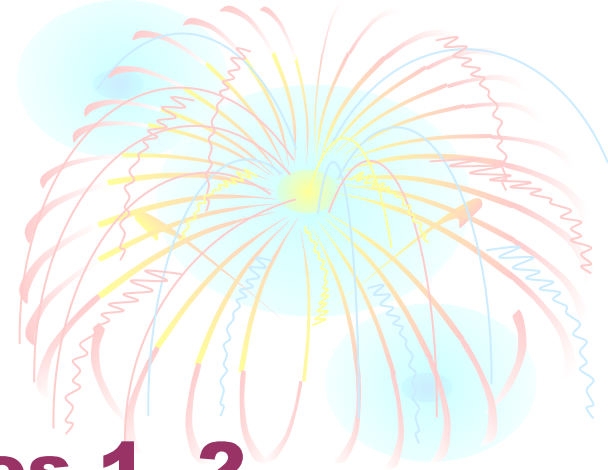
- **On Guy Fox Night British people have hot potatoes baked on fire, sausages and toffee apples for dinner.**



- **Of course, Americans don't celebrate this holiday.**

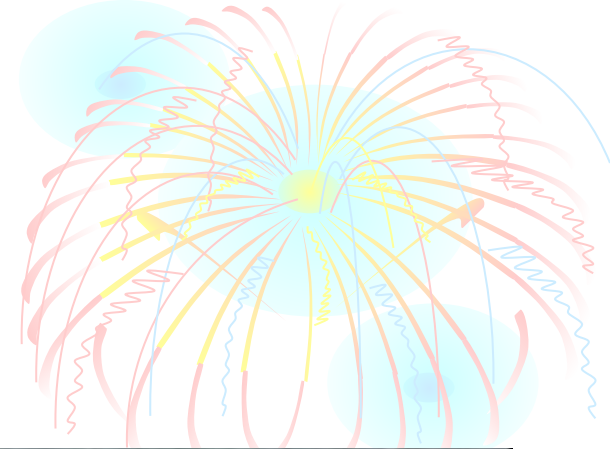
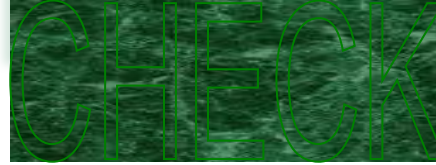
READING

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- **Workbook, page 30, exercises 1, 2.**
- **1. Read the short text about Thanksgiving and match it with the sentence summarizing the main idea.**
- **2. In pairs summarize information about Christmas in Australia and prepare to speak about it.**

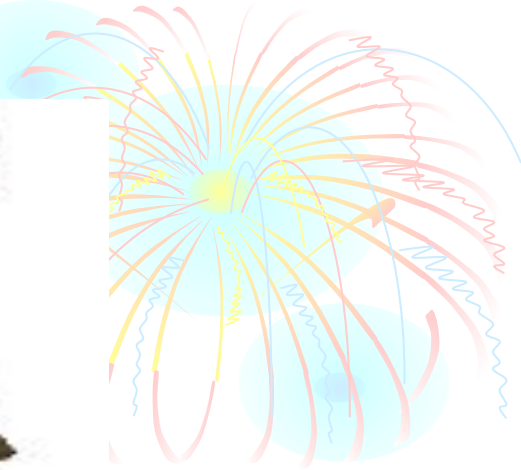




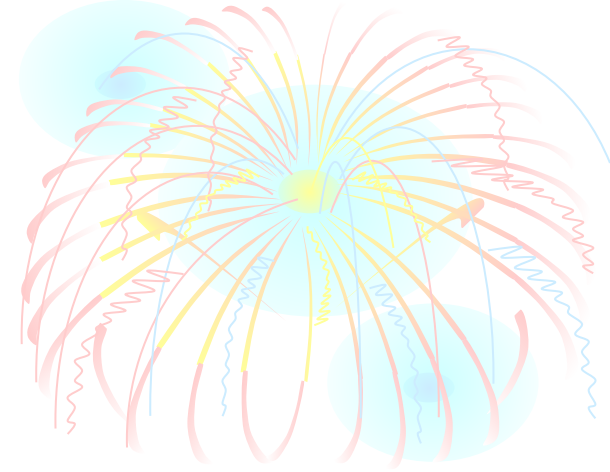
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- **Christmas in Australia happens in hot summer. On Christmas day you can find a lot of kids on the beach playing with their surfboards and building sandcastles. One of the typical Australian Christmas presents is a beach towel.**



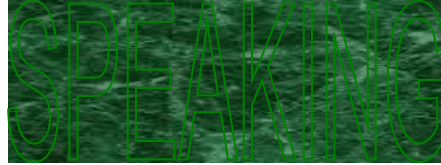
- **Christmas in Australia hasn't escaped commercial aspect. The religious meaning of Christmas is lost amongst gift giving, Christmas sales and special offers.**



- **Most Australians dream of a white Christmas for centuries, but cherish Christmas of sunshine, surf and sand.**



SPEAKING

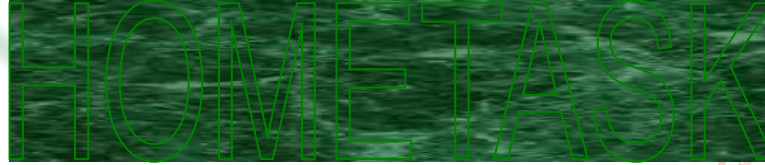
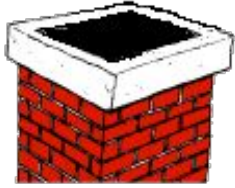


- **Tell about Irish and Indian celebrations.**



Happy St. Pat's Day





**Prepare to tell
about Thanksgiving
- exercise 1, page
30 in Workbooks.
and Christmas in
Australia -exercise**

