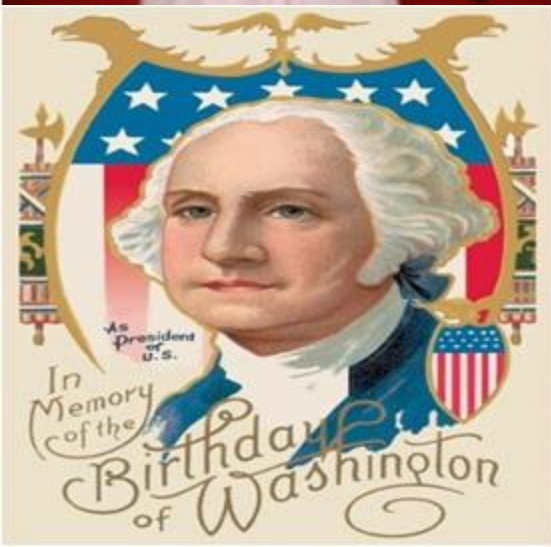


American Holidays





- New Year's Day
- St. Valentine's day
- Washington's Birthday
 - Easter
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas





- New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 and marks the start of a new year. It gives Americans a chance to remember the previous year.
- People have parties and special events. Very few people have to work on this day.
- In some towns and cities, people hold parades and play special football games.
- A common symbol of New Year's Day is Baby New Year. Other symbols are fireworks and clocks striking midnight.

- It is a festival of romantic love and many Americans give cards, letters and flowers or presents to people who they love.
- Valentine's cards have images of hearts, red roses or Cupid. Common Valentine's Day gifts are flowers and chocolates.
- Some people have a romantic meal in a restaurant or in a cafe.
- Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.





- People call Washington's Birthday - Presidents' Day. Americans celebrate it on the third Monday of February.
- This holiday honors the life and work of George Washington, the first president of the United States.
- People celebrate this holiday on the third Monday of February.

Easter

- The Easter traditions in America mark the beginning of spring and to celebrate the new birth of Jesus Christ.
- People hold parades, carnivals, make Easter egg decorations and listen to music.
- A special dish for Easter in USA is baked ham, potatoes and vegetables.
- Most parents painting the Easter eggs and then conducting Easter egg hunt games for the kids.



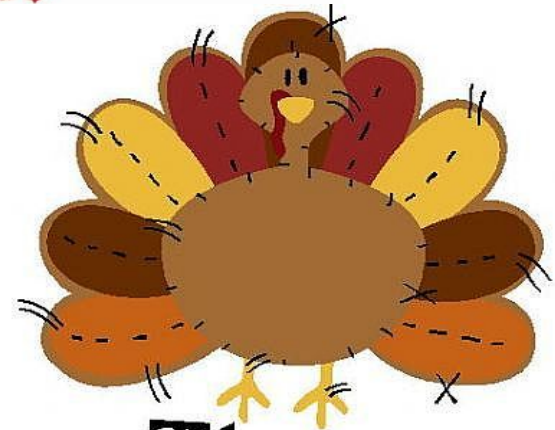
Independence Day

- Americans celebrate Independence day every year on July 4. They often call this holiday “the fourth of July”.
- It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776.
- People organize patriotic displays and family events. Many Americans display the American flag on their homes.



Thanksgiving Day

- Americans celebrate this holiday on the fourth Thursday in November every year.
- It is a time to remember the pilgrims. They were the first Americans who got good harvest in 1621 and wanted to thank the God for it.
- Families get together for a family meal. They usually cook a turkey, potatoes, a pumpkin pie and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.



Happy Thanksgiving

Christmas

- Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the US. Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on December 25.
- Americans have many Christmas traditions. People decorate their houses and Christmas trees.
- Americans celebrate Christmas with their families or friends. They give gifts to each other and sing carols and songs.

