

NLG NEWS

On the last Monday in May, we celebrate **Memorial Day!**

On this day, we remember the brave **soldiers** who died fighting for **America**.

There are many ways to **celebrate** Memorial Day.

Some towns put on **parades** and many businesses close for the day. Some people **remember** those soldiers who died by putting flowers or flags on their **graves**.



Some people have **cookouts** to enjoy time with their family and friends. They might **grill**

food or set off **fireworks** to light up the sky.

Whatever you do to celebrate Memorial Day, it should focus on remembering people and how important they are to you.

This year, Memorial Day may look a little different. You can still celebrate Memorial Day at home, though. You can hang a **flag** at your house, put a sign on your lawn, or have a small cookout with the people in your house.

How will you celebrate Memorial Day?



Comprehension Mad Libs

Use the News story to fill in the blanks to correctly answer the comprehension questions. If able, the member can also fill in the Mad Libs spots!

- On the last Monday in _____ we celebrate _____.
When?
What?
- We remember _____ who fought for _____.
Who? What?
- Some towns will put on _____ to celebrate.
What?
- Some people put _____ on soldiers' _____.
What? What?
- You might see _____ light up the _____.
What? What?
- Other people have a _____ to celebrate with _____.
What?
Who?








Word Bank (use some of these terms to complete the red blanks):

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|--------------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| cookout | soldiers | flowers | family | graves | friends |
| Memorial Day | sky | May | flags | fireworks | America |

BINGO!



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BINGO!



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Bingo Pieces



flag



grave



parade



grill



cookout



fireworks



America



soldiers



celebrate



remember

Categories

Instructions: Circle or point to all of the activities you can do to celebrate Memorial Day.



Watch a parade



Have a cookout



Mow the lawn



Play video games



Decorate graves



Learn to sew



Watch fireworks



Take a nap

Journal

On the last day of the week, remind members during journal about the theme this month. Ask the members to name the theme or write/say one thing they learned about the theme this week.

Theme: Memorial Day

Target words: fireworks, cookout, grill, soldiers, remember, celebrate, parade, grave, flag, America

Answering Wh- Questions

Instructions: Show a member the picture and talk about what you see. Ask them the corresponding wh- questions, looking for an appropriate answer.



Who do you see in the picture? _____

What is the girl putting in the ground? _____

Where are the girls in the picture? _____

When are they visiting the graves? _____

Why is she putting a flag on the grave? _____

What would you do?

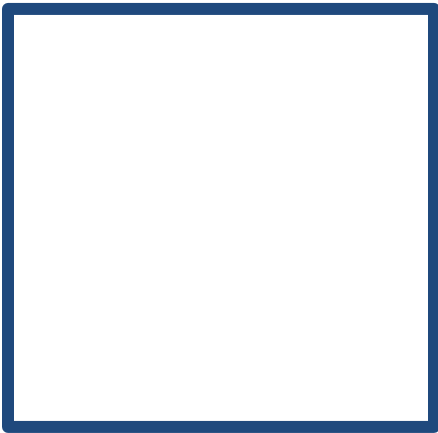
Directions: State the problem and present both solutions verbally. Circle or select the solution that makes the most sense.

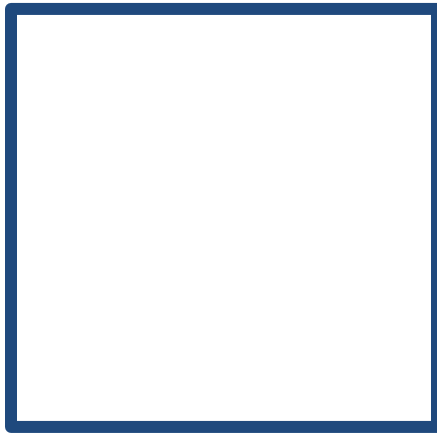
| Problem | Solution 1 | Solution 2 |
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|  <p>I don't have a flag</p> |  <p>Make a sign for your lawn</p> |  <p>Steal a flag</p> |
|  <p>I can't have a cookout with my friends</p> |  <p>Refuse to eat</p> |  <p>Have a cookout with the people who live with you</p> |
|  <p>I don't like the sound of fireworks</p> |  <p>Scream</p> |  <p>Cover your ears or wear headphones</p> |
|  <p>Remembering people who died makes me feel sad</p> |  <p>Talk to a friend about it</p> |  <p>Cry all day</p> |

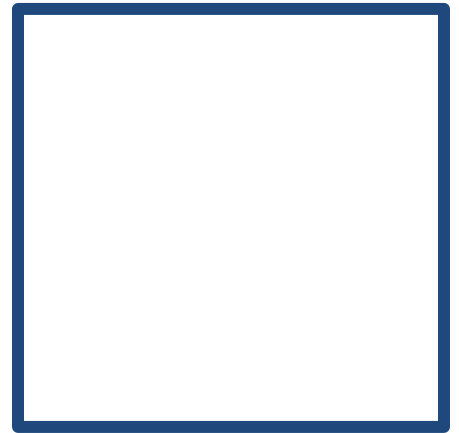
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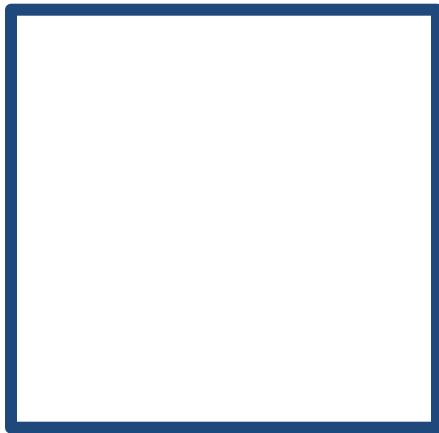
Draw, find on device, cut out a picture, find a picture on the internet, etc. related to the topic. You can use the word bank or think of different words on your own!

Word Bank: fireworks, cookout, grill, soldiers, remember, celebrate, parade, grave, flag, America











Concepts

Activity: Discuss the pictures on the page and ask members to select the corresponding answers to the questions that explore basic concepts.



How RED stripes are on the flag? 2 4 7

What color is NOT on the flag? Blue Green

What SHAPE is the flag? Circle triangle rectangle



A

B

Which burger is BIGGER?

A

B

They are BOTH....

Animals

Food

Clothes

Which burger does NOT have cheese?

A

B

Conversation Starters:

The staff can assist members in having a conversation about the topic. These questions are intended to initiate the conversation, please elaborate to support on topic responses.

Do you know anyone in the military?

How do you celebrate Memorial Day?

Where will there be fireworks this year?

What's your favorite part about Memorial Day?

What's your favorite food at a Memorial Day cookout?

Who is the best griller in your family?