

# NLG NEWS

This month we celebrate the **4<sup>th</sup> of July!** On the **4<sup>th</sup> of July** we celebrate America's birthday. To celebrate people wave **flags**, watch **parades**, have **cookouts**, and watch **fireworks**.



The American **flag** is **red**, **white**, and **blue**. There are 50 **stars** for all the states and 13 **stripes** for the original colonies. People wave **flags** when they watch the **parade**.

The **parade** typically has people marching down the street with floats and instruments.

At **cookouts** people grill hamburgers and hotdogs with their friends and families.



At night people like to watch **fireworks!** **Fireworks** can be all different shapes and colors. When they go off they make a loud sound!

# 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!

- We celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer it can be really \_\_\_\_\_.  
What? adjective
- The colors of the American Flag are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
adjective
- To celebrate we go to a \_\_\_\_\_ where people march down the street with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
What? What?
- At \_\_\_\_\_ people grill \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
What? What?
- At night we \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks, they can be really \_\_\_\_\_.  
action adjective
- July 4<sup>th</sup> is America's \_\_\_\_\_, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ day!  
What? adjective

Word Bank (use some of these to complete the Mad Libs spots):

Parade	Cookouts	Red, white, and blue
Birthday	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Watch

# BINGO!

Fireworks



Parade



Flag



Grill



Eat



Birthday



Drink



Hamburger



# BINGO!

Birthday



Drink



Fireworks



Hamburger



Eat



Flag



Parade



Grill



# BINGO!

Fireworks



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Flag



Eat



Hotdog



Drink



# BINGO!

Flag



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Fireworks



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Grill



Parade



# BINGO!

Grill



Flag



Hamburger



Hotdog



Parade



Drink



Eat



Firework



# Bingo Pieces



**Hotdog**



**Hamburger**



**Parade**



**Fireworks**





**Grill**



**Eat**



**Drink**



**Flag**



**Birthday**

# Categories

**Instructions:** Have each member draw a line to match the question with the corresponding picture. If drawing a line is difficult, feel free to encourage members to point to the corresponding picture.

What do we EAT at a cookout?



What do we use to COOK outside?



What do we have at a CELEBRATION?



What do we WATCH outside?



What do we WAVE on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?



## 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 is at the fireworks? \_\_\_\_\_

What are they doing? \_\_\_\_\_


Where are they? \_\_\_\_\_

When did they see the fireworks? \_\_\_\_\_

How do they feel? \_\_\_\_\_

# What would you do?

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

<p>Fireworks are loud, they scare me!</p> <p>I should</p>	<p><b>Go inside</b></p> 	<p><b>Stay outside</b></p> 
<p>I don't like hamburgers.</p> <p>I should</p>	<p><b>Eat the hamburger</b></p> 	<p><b>Pick something else to eat</b></p> 
<p>It is really hot outside.</p> <p>I should</p>	<p><b>Wear sunscreen</b></p> 	<p><b>Wear a coat</b></p> 
<p>I see someone fall down outside and get hurt.</p> <p>I should</p>	<p><b>Not tell anyone</b></p> 	<p><b>Get help</b></p> 
<p>I spilled water on the floor.</p> <p>I should</p>	<p><b>Clean it up</b></p> 	<p><b>Leave it</b></p> 

# 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.

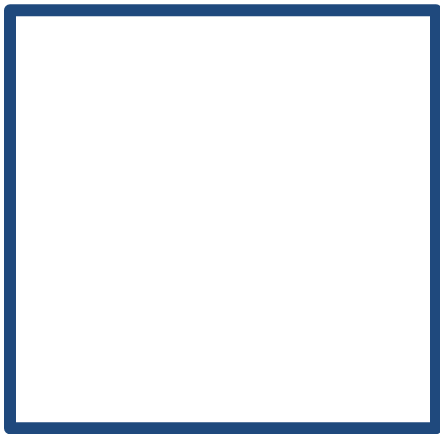
**Theme:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Target words:** More, stop, go, watch, drink, eat, sit, follow, come, look, play, like, fireworks, cook out, flag, parade, celebrate, 4th of July, birthday, USA, fun, red, white, blue

# 5 Pictures: 4<sup>th</sup> of July

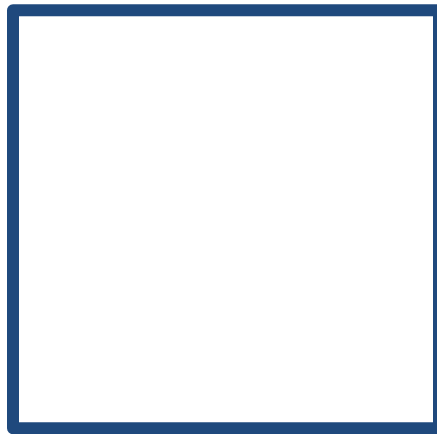
Draw, find on device, cut out a picture, find a picture on the internet, etc. related to the topic. You can use the word bank or think of different words on your own!

**Word Bank:** Fireworks, cookout, flag, parade, celebrate, Fourth of July, birthday, USA, fun, red, white, blue



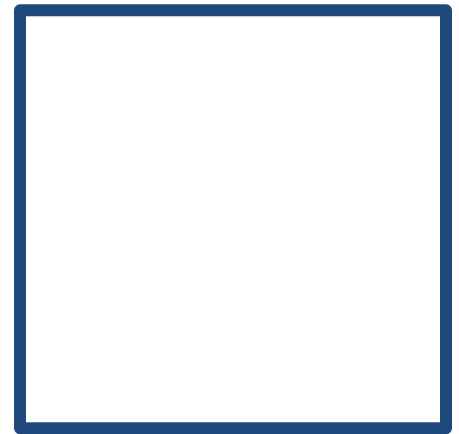
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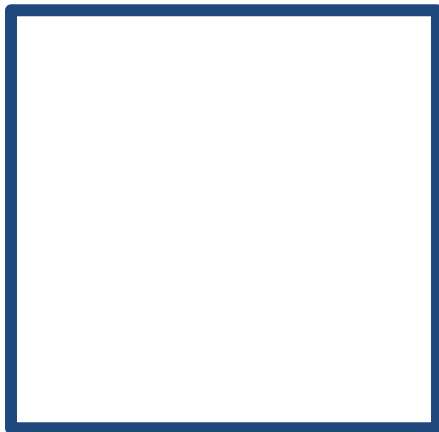
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# Concepts

**Activity 1:** Play a matching game in your environment where members have to identify what object are the same (e.g. Clorox wipes and Lysol wipes=same) and what objects are different (e.g. marker and pen= different). You can also discuss what items might have some characteristics that are the same (e.g. color, size, shape) but are different objects or objects that are the same but have some characteristics that are different.

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



Which is BIG?      1                  2

What SHAPE are they? **CIRCLE or RECTANGLE**

Are they the **Same OR Different?**

HOW MANY flags are there? **3 or 2**



Do we **EAT** them or **DRINK** them?

Which is SMALL?      1                  2

Are they the **Same OR Different?**

HOW MANY hotdogs are there?      **1 or 4**

# 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.

What do you do on 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Do you guys celebrate the same way?

What do you like to eat at a cookout?

Do you guys like to eat the same things or different things?

Have you ever been to a parade?

What did you see at the parade/what happens at a parade?

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is America's birthday, how do you celebrate your birthday?

Do you guys celebrate the same way?