Independence Day

On July 4, 1776, the United States declared independence from Great Britain. This day has become known as Independence Day. It is also often called the Fourth of July or July the Fourth. To commemorate this event, Independence Day is a national holiday for people in the US. This day is very important for American people, and it is celebrated with firework displays, parades, carnivals, and big sporting and musical events. Families often get together to have barbecues, picnics and family meals. People also display the American flag, and red, white, and blue banners.

One lesser known fact about Independence Day is that the actual day the US became independent might be July 2. If one of the Founding Fathers of America, John Adams, was alive today, he might think it is celebrated two days late. On July 3 in 1776, John Adams wrote "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America". Indeed, most signatures on the Declaration of Independence actually took place on July 2, and only two people signed the document on July 4. Nevertheless, July 4 is, and will continue to be, a very important day for the people of America.

1. The United States became independent from Great Britain on July 4, 1876.

   a) True
   b) False

2. Independence Day is celebrated with firework displays, parades, carnivals, and big sporting and musical events.

   a) True
   b) False

3. John Smith was one of the Founding Fathers of America.

   a) True
   b) False

4. Most signatures on the Declaration of Independence actually took place on July 3.

   a) True
   b) False

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b)