

What to Expect on the 4th of July

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I live in the United States of America. The 4th of July is a holiday. It celebrates the independence of the United States of America.



On the 4th of July, people often celebrate by watching fireworks shows.



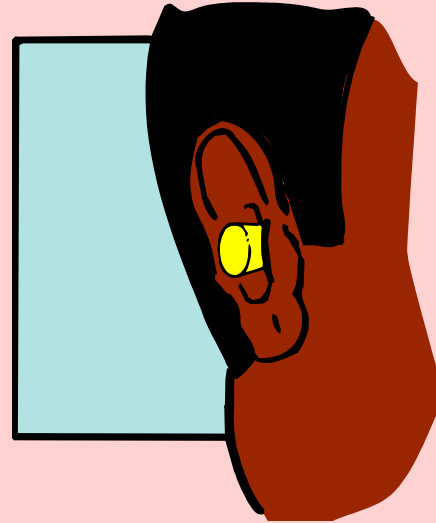
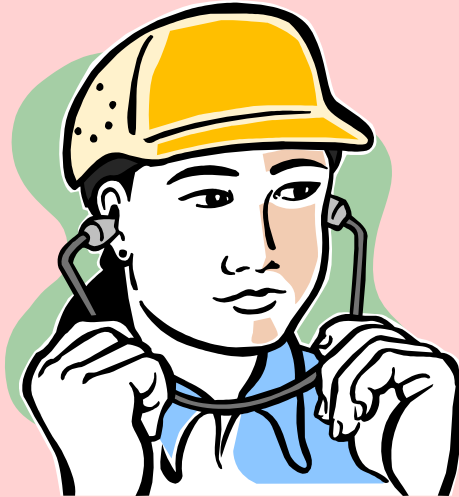
In a fireworks show, people watch the sky outside at night and see fireworks in the sky.



The fireworks make pretty patterns and colors in the sky.
Many people think this is fun to watch.



Sometimes, fireworks make loud sounds like a boom or a whistle. This is the sound made when the small rockets that make the fireworks are launched.



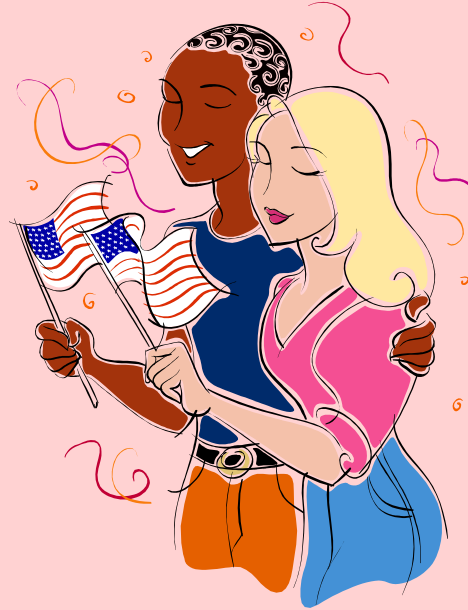
If I don't like the sound they make, I can cover my ears with my hands or use earplugs. This is okay.



If I don't want to look at the fireworks, I can close my eyes or look somewhere else. This is okay.



Sometimes, the last fireworks in the show are very loud and bright because there are many fireworks in the sky at the same time. If I don't like this, I can cover my ears and close my eyes.



My family likes to watch the fireworks, so I will try to stay with them while they watch. This can make them feel happy.



I might like watching the fireworks too. But if I don't, that's okay. I will get to do something else after the fireworks are over and we go home.



Another thing some families do on the 4th of July is have a picnic.



At a picnic, we might sit on a blanket on the ground or at a picnic table to eat some food.



There are lots of ways to celebrate the 4th of July.

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