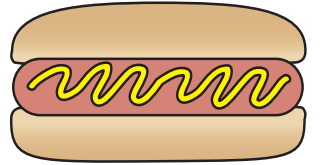


## 4th of July by the Numbers

Use this code to reveal some incredible Independence Day facts:

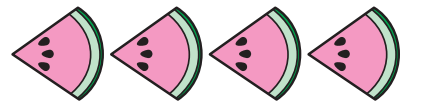
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Number of hot dogs that are eaten by Americans on Independence Day:



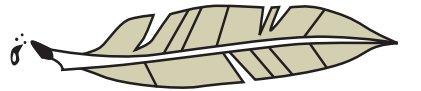
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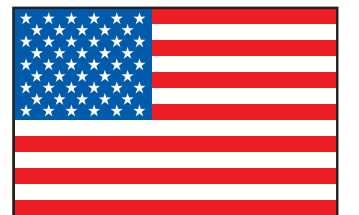
Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:



million



Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:



%



Estimated number of professional July 4th fireworks displays around the country:



Sources: History.com, WalletHub.com

## Fourth, Fireworks, Fun and Pets

Which doesn't belong?

Bright streaming fireworks, popping firecrackers, marching bands, and flag-waving crowds. Sounds like a perfect Fourth of July, right? Not for your pets! Today's page tells you how to keep pets safe and happy.

Each year, bright lights, crowds and painfully loud noises cause cats and dogs to become frightened, lost, or even sick. Some run away and hide, some cry and strain on leashes.

This year, keep your pet in a quiet room during the festivities of the Fourth. Very nervous pets may need help from your vet.



How many things can you find wrong with this picture?

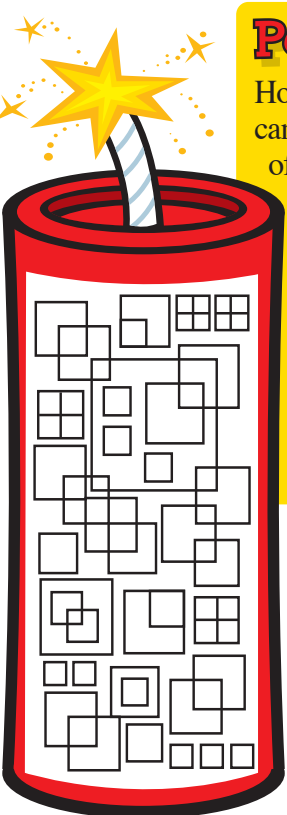
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### Popper Puzzle

How many different squares can you find in this Fourth of July popper? *Careful!* There may be more than you think!

#### SCORES:

- 10 - 15: Sizzler
- 15 - 20: Poppin'
- 21 - 25: Firecracker
- Over 25: Dynamite!



### Defuse these firecrackers before they scare the pets!

Dash through today's newspaper to find the letters that spell the words on the firecrackers. Spelling an entire word "defuses" the firecracker. Can you stop them all in under five minutes?

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.



### What's the best way to keep your pet safe on Fourth of July?

To find out, circle every other letter in the rocket's trail.

### Kid Scoop Mailbox

Dear Kid Scoop,  
What do I do if my pet gets lost?  
Sincerely,  
Worried

Dear Worried,

Make sure your pet has an I.D. (identification) tag that has your current phone number. You can also have an I.D. chip injected under your pet's skin by your veterinarian.

If your pet does get lost, check the neighborhood and call the animal shelter as soon as possible. Remember to keep your pets indoors on the Fourth of July.

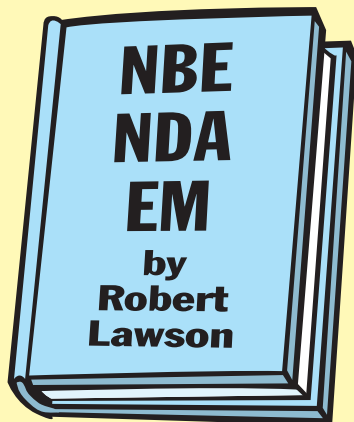
### Extra! Extra! Onomatopoeia

This means a word formed as it sounds—a word like **buzz** or **hiss**. Look through the newspaper for words that are spelled like the sounds they describe. Also look for words that simply describe sounds, words like **loud**, **soft**, **blaring**, **quiet**, **booming**, **hushed**. Use all the words you find in a poem or paragraph about sound.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use literary devices in writing.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

You might know of Benjamin Franklin as a brilliant and creative man, a Founding Father of our nation and one of the most important inventors of his time. Imagine that Ben had a friend who was a mouse. What would this mouse be able to tell us about Ben and his life and times?



Unscramble the title of this great book. Then, check it out at your local library!

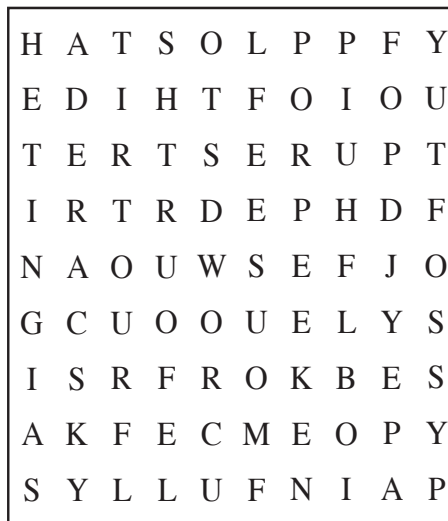
- Bert Bookworm

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- FIREWORKS
- FOURTH
- ERUPT
- PETS
- CROWDS
- PAINFULLY
- LOUD
- HIDE
- IGNITE
- LOST
- MOUSE
- POEM
- KEEP
- SOFT
- SCARE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Sizzling Synonyms

Select five words from the headlines on the front page. For each word, search through the newspaper for a **synonym**—a word that means the same or nearly the same thing.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Recognize synonyms.



What would you get if you crossed a patriot with a small curly-haired dog?

ANSWER: Yankee Poodle!

### Write On!

#### Pets Bill of Rights

What rights do you think pets should have? Make a list of five or more pets' rights to create a **Pets Bill of Rights**.