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Tommy Saves the Fourth of July



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The United States of America celebrates its independence from British rule on July 4th each year. As a show of national pride, fireworks displays are enjoyed across the country.



FIREWORKS FACTORY

A large building where fireworks are made. The shells are put on a drying rack during part of the process. The building's contents are highly flammable and the materials are valuable, so guards watch the entrances to protect the contents from intruders.

CHINA

A country in East Asia where fireworks were invented. Beijing is the country's capital.



煙
火

CHARACTERS

Symbols used in writing Chinese.

Characters for fireworks

HISTORY OF FIREWORKS

According to legend, fireworks were discovered by a Chinese cook who accidentally mixed three common kitchen ingredients to create gunpowder. The cook noticed that the mixture produced flames and sparks when he lit it.

