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Sam is a dog who loves the Fourth of July. Every year, he becomes very excited about the holiday. This year the town made him the leader of the big **parade**.



They dressed him up in a suit and hat with stars and stripes. He wagged his tail the whole time because he was so happy. He gave each person a big lick as a thank-you.



The town was decorated with ribbons, streamers, and banners of red, white, and blue. The whole town came out to see Sam lead the big parade.



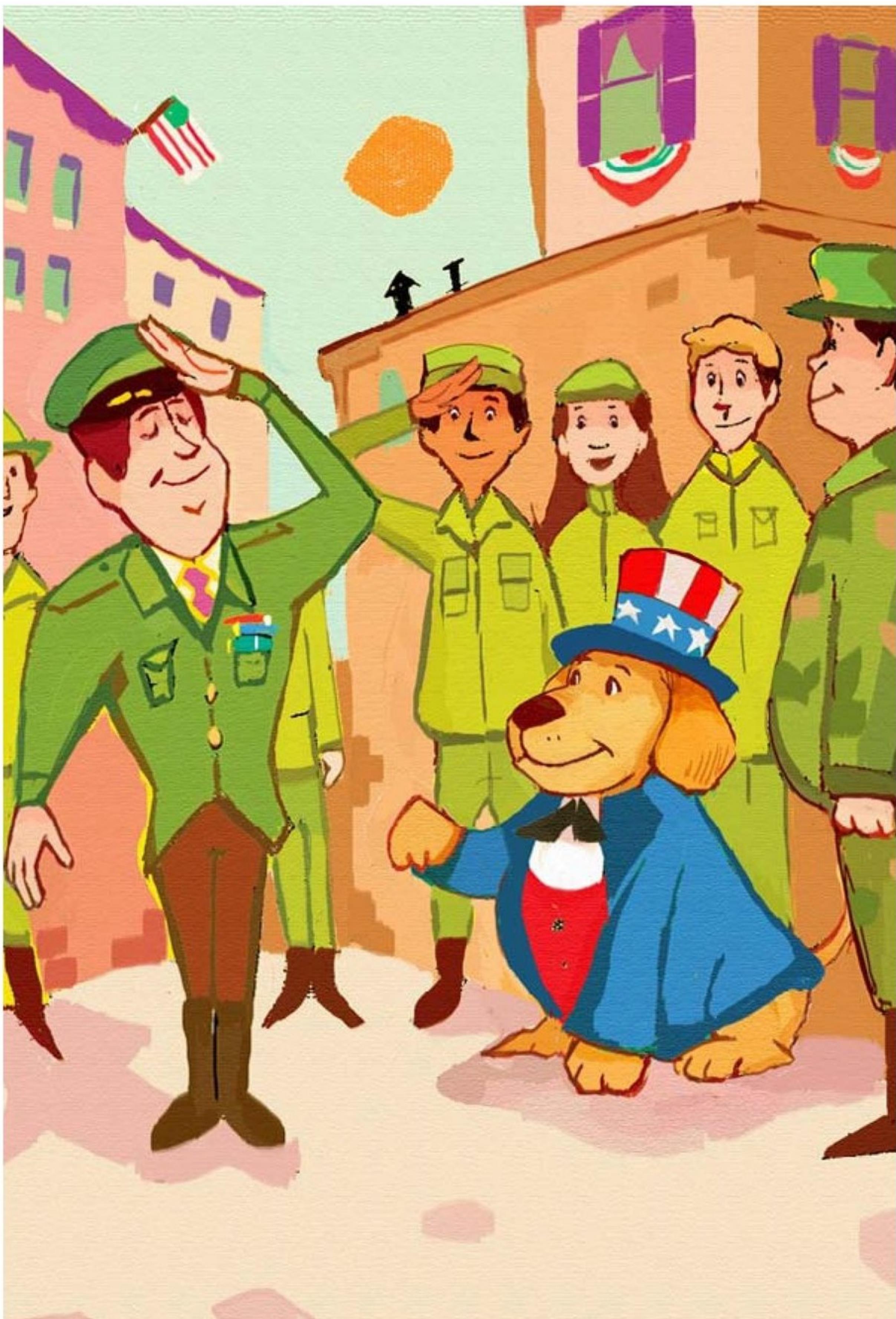
The school band followed behind Sam and played **patriotic** tunes. He wagged his tail and barked in time with the music.



After a while, he started to dance on his back legs. Everyone watched him hopping and spinning in circles. They clapped and cheered for their favorite patriotic pup.



A man offered Sam some tasty barbecue. He happily ate it, and he liked it so much that he begged for more. The man laughed and gave him a second piece.



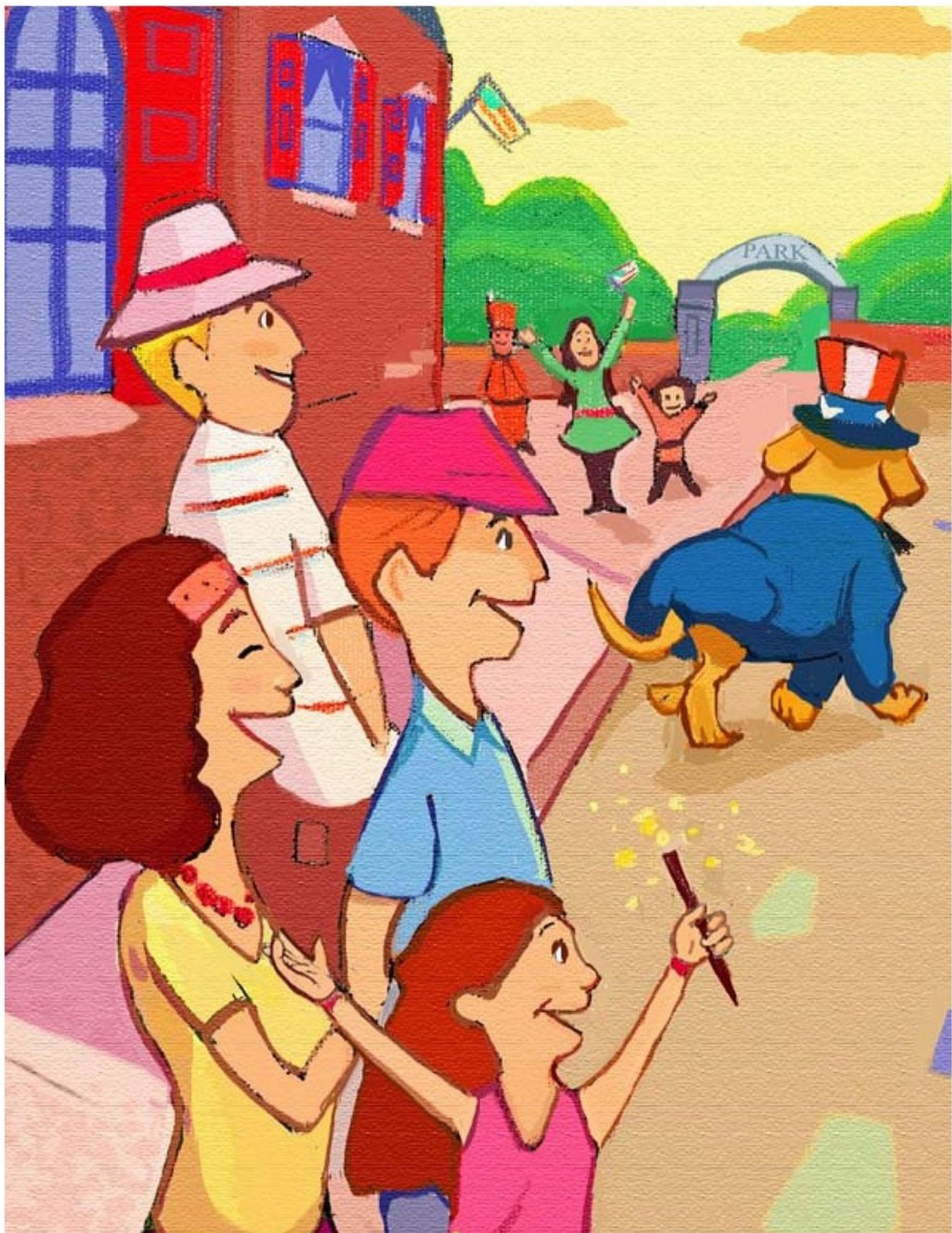
Sam waved his paw to thank the people in the army. They waved back.



The **mayor** even walked up and shook Sam's paw. "What day in July is the birthday of the United States?" the mayor asked. Sam barked four times for the Fourth of July!



“I don’t think anyone has been this excited for an **Independence Day** since 1776!” the mayor said. To show his excitement, Sam ran in circles around the mayor, and everyone laughed.



The parade made a lot of noise as it followed Sam through the town. Sam enjoyed hearing it all. They had almost walked to the park where the parade was to end.



Suddenly, some **fireworks** exploded with a very loud bang. The people cheered, but Sam didn't like the fireworks. He ran home to get away from them.



The people wondered where the leader of the parade was going. The parade followed Sam all the way to his backyard. It had grown dark, and fireworks started to fill the night sky.



Sam stayed in his doghouse until the fireworks were over. Then he came out to eat some apple pie and ice cream.

It was a lovely celebration.

Glossary

barbecue (<i>n.</i>)	food cooked on an outdoor grill (p. 8)
fireworks (<i>n.</i>)	bright or colorful displays of light, sound, and smoke caused by ignited fireworks (p. 13)
Independence Day (<i>n.</i>)	an annual holiday on July 4 in the United States that celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 (p. 11)
mayor (<i>n.</i>)	the leader of the government of a city or town (p. 10)
parade (<i>n.</i>)	a line of people or vehicles moving forward as part of a celebration or ceremony (p. 3)
patriotic (<i>adj.</i>)	having or expressing pride in or loyalty to one's country (p. 6)

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