

American Flag

A. Reading

The American flag was adopted in 1777 during the American War of Independence. The American War of Independence was from 1775-1783. The American flag is red, white, and blue. It has 13 stripes and 50 stars. The stars are white and are located in a field of blue. The stripes are horizontal and are red and white. Seven of them are red and six of them are white. The flag is displayed daily from sunrise to sunset in front of schools and government buildings like post offices and libraries. It is displayed with the blue field of stars nearest the staff. The *staff* is the pole that the flag hangs on. When the flag is displayed on a pole, it should be raised quickly and lowered slowly. On special holidays and occasions the flag is flown at half-staff. *Half-staff* means the flag is halfway up the pole. When the flag is flown half-staff, it is first raised quickly to the top of the pole and then slowly lowered to the halfway mark. At the end of the day, it is raised all the way to the top of the pole and then lowered slowly.



B. True or False

1. _____ The American flag has three colors.
2. _____ The red stripes on the flag are vertical.
3. _____ The flag is displayed from sunset to sunrise.
4. _____ Stars on the flag are located in a blue field.
5. _____ *Half-staff* means the flag is flown halfway up the pole.

C. Writing – Correct the sentences.

1. the american flag is red white and blue

2. the flag was adopted in 1777 during the american war of independence

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