



Fourth of July Parade

Instructions: Repeat the words after your teacher says them. Next, listen to your teacher read the story. Finally, find a partner and practice reading the story aloud.

Vocabulary Words:

celebrate	floats
independence	politicians
Great Britain	coolers
parades	instruments
marching bands	clowns

The Fourth of July is an American holiday to celebrate our independence from Great Britain. It is on July 4th. Some people call it Independence Day.

On the Fourth of July, many cities have parades with marching bands, floats, horses, clowns, and politicians. The parade moves down a city street which has been closed to traffic. Police officers make sure cars don't disturb the parade.

People line up along the street to watch the parade. Many people get there an hour before the parade starts, so they can get a good spot. Some people bring folding chairs and coolers filled with drinks and snacks.

Parades have many marching bands from nearby high schools. The band members wear uniforms and carry shiny instruments. The students are happy to be in the parade, and their parents are proud of them.

Children love parades because the clowns act funny and the horses swish their tails as they walk down the street. Sometimes the politicians throw candy to the children.

Everyone loves the floats because they are beautiful. Floats are decorated with flowers or colorful paper.

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