

Holidays in the USA

Complete the sentences with the words below:

holidays – fun – along – suits – different – year – during – hard – autumn

1. I wish you to have a lot of _____ in your journey.
2. It often rains in _____.
3. I am really exhausted. The day was very _____ today.
4. Where can I find man's _____? – They are in the next department.
5. Where are you going on your _____? – To Egypt.
6. There were many high buildings _____ the road to Manhattan.
7. We read and write very much _____ the lesson.
8. My friend knows _____ foreign languages.
9. We began learning English last _____.

II Read and translate the text:

(1) There are a lot of holidays in the USA. Many of them are associated (связаны с) with the history of the nation. The main (главные) **holidays** of the USA are New Year's Day, Easter (Пасха), Memorial Day (День поминовения), Independence Day (День независимости), Thanksgiving Day (День благодарения) and Christmas (Рождество).

(2) The New Year's Eve is a time for **fun**. Most Americans spend (проводят) this night with friends, at home or in restaurants. Thousands (тысячи) of people gather (собираются) in New York in Times Square (на Таймс-Сквер) to see (отпраздновать) the New Year in. The Tournament of Roses (Турнир роз) takes place (проходит) in Pasadena, California, on January 1 each **year** (каждый год). Prizes (призы) are given (присуждают) to the cities with the most unusual (необычный) floral compositions (цветочная композиция).

(3) At Easter there is a tradition for people to buy (покупать) new clothes. After church services (после церковных служб) many people take walks (гуляют) **along** the streets of their towns, wearing (надевают) their new Easter hats and **suits**. This is usually called (называют) the "Easter Parade".

(4) Memorial Day comes on May 30. It is dedicated (посвящен) to the memory (памяти) of those who died for (погиб за) America in **different** wars (войны). The national flags are put on (вывешиваются) the graves (на могилах) of soldiers on this day.

(5) The 4th of July, an Independence Day, is the biggest (самый большой) national holiday (национальный праздник) of the USA. On this day in 1776 a document, known (известный как) as the Declaration of Independence (Декларация Независимости), was adopted (принят). **During** this holiday American cities have parades (демонстрации), people shoot off fire-works (устраивают фейерверки) in parks and fields.

(6) Thanksgiving Day comes on the fourth Thursday (4-ый четверг) of November. When the first settlers (первые поселенцы) landed (высадились) in America, their first (первый) year was very **hard** and 50 of 100 people died (умерли). But the Indians taught (научили) people how to plant corn (выращивать кукурузу) and wild vegetables (овощи) and in **autumn** they got a large harvest (урожай).

(7) Thanksgiving Day was their holiday, the day of giving thanks (благодарения) to God. It is a family holiday (семейный праздник) and Americans try to gather all family (собираться всей семьей) at home on this day.

III Answer the questions:

1. What are the main national holidays in the USA?
2. How do the people in the USA celebrate New Year's Eve?
3. What tradition is there in the USA at Easter?
4. What is Memorial Day dedicated to?
5. What is the biggest national holiday of the USA?
6. When do the Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day?

IV True or false:

1. Tournament of roses takes place in New York.
2. Americans usually buy new clothes for Easter.
3. Memorial Day is devoted to those who died in World War II.
4. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in November.

V Make the affirmative sentences negative. Make the negative statements affirmative

1. I do not have a cat.
2. We left home in the morning.
3. She did not make breakfast in the morning.
4. He became a pilot.
5. She cooks dinner in the kitchen.

*VI Complete the sentences with **much** or **many**:*

1. There aren'tpeople in the computer club.
2. Does your teacher give youhomework?
3. Are therefruit in the fridge?
4. There isn'ttime.

VII Make the questions in Present Indefinite

1. Jamie wants to learn French / Why?/
2. They go to buy some presents /Where?/
3. My father likes to read morning paper / Why?/
4. We prefer to have lunch in the café / Why?/
5. We get up every morning / When?/

VIII Complete the sentences with the necessary prepositions

1. I saw a new film...(on, at) the cinema yesterday.
2. My friend invited me(from, to) his birthday party.
3. I usually cook breakfast ...(at, in) the morning.
4. Take the book(to, from) the table and put it ...(out of, into) your bag.
5. Go ... (to, on) the door and close it.
6. My friends and I like to play... (in, -) football.