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Displaying the Flag

Government offices and schools fly the flag every day. Many people display the flag on important national holidays: Presidents' Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and Flag Day (June 14).

The Federal Flag Code is a set of rules for displaying the flag. Here are some of those rules:

- ☆ The flag should not be flown outside in bad weather.
- ☆ The flag must never touch the ground.
- ☆ A flag should be flown near every school during school hours.
- ☆ No other flag may ever be placed above the U.S. flag.
- ☆ The flag may never be used in advertising of any kind.
- ☆ A flag in poor condition should be destroyed by burning.
- ☆ When the national anthem is played and a flag is displayed, all people should face the flag and salute.
- ☆ The flag is flown at half-staff to show mourning for the death of a high ranking government official or past president.

Read the sentence and fill in the blanks.

1. The flag should not be flown o _____ in bad weather.
2. June 14 is our national ___ l ___ Day.
3. The flag must never touch the _____ d.
4. The Federal _____ g Code is a set of rules for displaying the flag.
5. A flag should fly during school hours at every _____ l.
6. The flag is flown at half-staff to show _____ o _____ .
7. An old flag should be destroyed by _____ r _____ .
8. The flag has one stripe for each _____ y.
9. Put the printed letters together in order to spell another name for the flag.

U.S.A. Flag Math

Directions: If your teacher wishes, you may use a calculator to find the answers to the following mathematical problems.

1. The flag of the United States has five rows with six stars each and four rows with five stars each. How many stars are on the flag of the United States?

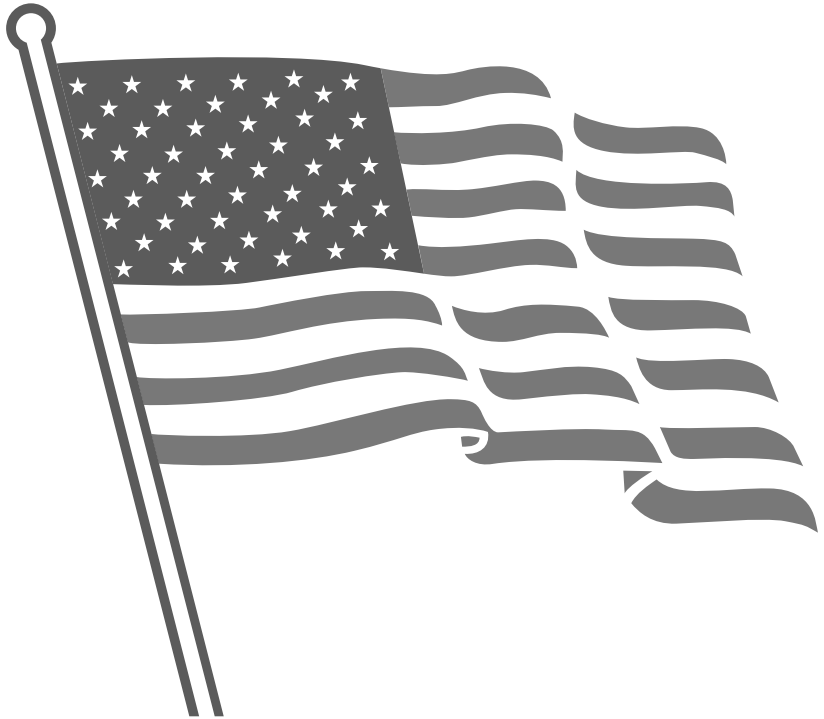
2. The Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776. It said that the United States was not any longer a part of Britain. How many years ago did the United States become free of Britain?

3. The United States made a law that the U.S. flag was to have 13 stars and 13 stripes for the 13 states. This law passed on June 14, 1777. Now June 14th is called Flag Day. How many years ago was the first Flag Day?

4. The first United States flag had 13 stars that stood for the original 13 colonies. How many more stars are on the United States flag now?

5. The Pledge of Allegiance was written by a man named Francis Bellamy in 1892. Congress made it a promise of loyalty to the United States in 1942. How long ago was it written?

6. The words for "The Star-Spangled Banner" were written as a poem by Francis Scott Key in 1814. He was happy because, even though the British were bombing Fort McHenry, in the morning the United States flag was still there. "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem in 1931 by an act of Congress. How many years after it was written did it become our national anthem?



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____