

1 Read the text and choose the correct word.

# Stars & Stripes

It's the 4th of July and Americans are 1) **celebrate/celebrating** Independence Day. On this day, the United States celebrates its independence from Great Britain. It is a day full of fun and the flag of the United States 2) **flies/fly** high across the country. The flag of the USA was a lot different in 1777. The original flag 3) **have/had** 13 stars and 13 stripes as that was the number of the original colonies back then. Over the years, the flag changed because more and more states 4) **became/become** a part of the country. The flag of the United States 5) **changed/changes** its look 27 times and each time there were a different number of stars. Today, there are 50 stars on the American flag which is for the 50 states, and 13 stripes that are for the original 13 colonies.

## Did you know...?



The current flag of the United States was designed by a 17-year-old high school student from Ohio.



This flag is also known as the Betsy Ross flag because, according to folklore, she was the first person to make the flag.

2 Read the instructions and put the images in the correct order. Then, make your own windsock.

## How to make a 4th of July windsock

You will need a cardboard tube, red, and white paper, blue paint, and some string.

- First, colour or paint the tube blue.
- Then, cut out white stars.
- Glue them on the tube.
- After, cut out long pieces of white and red paper.
- Glue them at the bottom of the tube.
- Finally, glue the string at the top of the tube.
- Hang your windsock outside!

