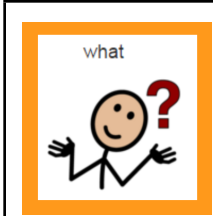




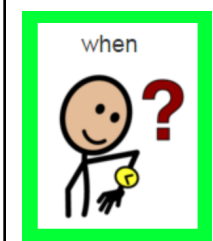
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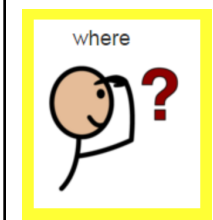
Independence Day is a holiday celebrating the day America became a country.



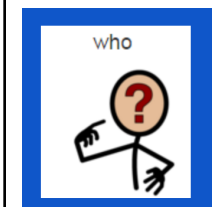
We celebrate Independence Day like America's birthday.



America became a country on July 4th, 1776.



England once ruled over the 13 colonies that made up America.



American leaders wanted to separate from England.



Leaders wanted America to be an independent country.





# Independence Day

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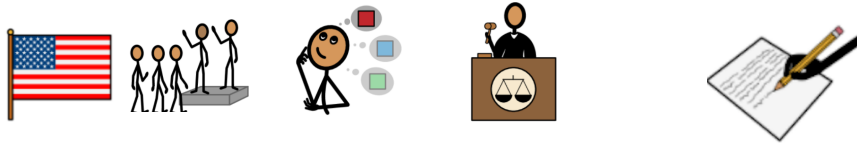
American leaders did not agree with England's rules.



how



American leaders chose their own rules, wrote them down and named them



the Declaration of Independence. On July 4th, they signed the Declaration



which made America a new country, free and independent from England.



Now, we call this day "The Fourth of July."

