

Subject: Saluting Patriot Day**A. Choose one word to fill in the gaps**

How do Americans 1)..... those lost in the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001? That day is observed annually as Patriot Day.

Creating a National Day

Three days after the tragedy, then-President George Bush officially proclaimed 11 September to be a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. National legislators wrote up a 2) in October to make 11 September a day of 3) The bill swiftly passed through both houses of America's Congress, and President Bush declared 11 September 2002 to be the first Patriot Day. Ever since 2017, President Donald Trump expanded the period of observance and designated 8-10 September National Days of Prayer and Remembrance.

A Country United

To observe this day, all US flags in front of government buildings are 4) at half-mast. This applies 5) all government locations around the world. American citizens will typically 6) flags in their windows, on their cars, or outside their homes on flagpoles. Moreover, a series of moments of silence are observed nationwide. The first begins at 8:46 a.m. in the Eastern time 7) to correspond with the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center in New York. 8) Patriot Day isn't a federal holiday, schools, businesses and institutions remain open. Local ceremonies, gatherings, or memorials occur in communities across the country, usually sombre in tone. Apart 9) this, numerous Americans choose to use this day as an opportunity to volunteer. There are no specific charities people are meant to help out. 10) , Americans are encouraged to assist any organisation that holds a special meaning for them. This could include charities helping veterans, or people who have lost loved ones. Faith-based group meetings are popular, too. Lastly, Americans are asked to remember the lives of those who 11) on 11 September in whatever ways they can. Nowadays, the use of hashtags like #PatriotDay or #NeverForget on social media platforms is becoming 12) prevalent.

Patriotic and Proud

Patriot Day is still a new observance that many Americans haven't gotten 13) to just yet. It's also one of the 14) days on the American calendar surrounded by a sorrowful atmosphere. Nevertheless, Americans observe this day with 15), ensuring the legacies of those who died are preserved.

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| 1) | a) congratulate | b) commemorate | c) collocate | d) connote |
| 2) | a) bill | b) ball | c) bail | d) blister |
| 3) | a) mowing | b) morning | c) mourning | d) mining |
| 4) | a) fly | b) flown | c) flew | d) flied |
| 5) | a) to | b) too | c) of | d) off |
| 6) | a) linger | b) loathe | c) play | d) display |
| 7) | a) zone | b) zeal | c) chore | d) zest |
| 8) | a) during | b) since | c) science | d) soon |
| 9) | a) of | b) for | c) from | d) off |
| 10) | a) despite | b) instead | c) moreover | d) although |
| 11) | a) perished | b) preached | c) itched | d) proved |
| 12) | a) never | b) suspiciously | c) increasingly | d) hardly |
| 13) | a) used | b) using | c) use | d) fond |
| 14) | a) little | b) less | c) few | d) none |
| 15) | a) proud | b) pride | c) contempt | d) prune |



Answer key: 1)b, 2)a, 3)c, 4)b, 5)a, 6)d, 7)a, 8)b, 9)c, 10)b, 11)a, 12)c, 13)a, 14)c, 15)b

B. What do you call the following celebrations in the English language?

26th of December (UK) -

40 days before Easter (beginning on Ash Wednesday) -

1st of April -

