## Stars \& Stripes

## FLAG DAY \& 4TH OF JULY

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## Stars and Stripes Forever

The American flag came into being in 1777. The 13 red and white stripes are for the first colonies in the United States. There are 50 stars on the flag.

- The top edge of the flag is the head.
- The bottom edge of the flag is the foot.
- The area of the flag which waves in the breeze is the fly.
- The edge of this area is the fly end.
- The blue square containing the stars is called the union.
- The rope by which the flag is raised is called the halyard.
- The side of the flag to which the rope is attached is the hoist.

Label the parts of the flag.


Why are there 50 stars on the American flag?


## Across Clues:

2. There are fifty $\qquad$ in our country.
3. The name of our $\qquad$ is America.
4. The colors of the American $\qquad$ are red, white, and blue.

Down Clues:

1. Many people $\qquad$ the flag on Flag Day.
2. We are all proud to be $\qquad$ .
3. There are 50 $\qquad$ on the flag.

| stripes <br> pledge <br> flag | American |
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| June |  |
| proud |  |

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate our country's birthday.


## Across Clues:

3. We live in the $\qquad$ of America.
4. Many people have a $\qquad$ on this holiday.
5. We celebrate our $\qquad$ on this day.
6. There are a lot of $\qquad$ on the Fourth of July.

Write the two compound words.
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Write the words in ABC order.
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Find the secret word in the word search.
I am the seventh month of the year. What month am I?

