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# Memorial Day

## Reading Comprehension

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Memorial Day is an American holiday that takes place on the last Monday in May. It is a day that honors men and women who have died serving in the United States military.

This holiday requires a special way to raise the United States flag. At sunrise, a person raises the flag and then lowers it halfway or half mast. This represents the fallen men and women who served in the military. At noon, the flag is raised to full staff to honor those who are currently serving in the military.

Many families honor their loved ones by visiting a cemetery or memorial. Other people attend parades where they listen to music, marching bands and speeches given to honor those who have served. Most people wear red, white and blue, the colors of the United States flag.

Even though Memorial Day is a fun three day weekend, filled with swimming and BBQ, it is important to remember the real reason for the holiday. Memorial Day allows people to honor the men and women who have died serving in the military and those who are currently serving in the military.

- 1) What is Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) Explain why Memorial Day is important.  
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- 3) What is special about the way a person displays the United States flag?  
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- 4) How do people honor the fallen men and women on Memorial Day?  
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