

Preposition 3

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. In some cases there is more than one possible correct answer.

Fireworks

The first fireworks were probably invented in China 1) _____ 2,000 years ago; today China is the largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks in the world. Fireworks are used 2) _____ many cultures to celebrate holidays and important events. Every year Indians 3) _____ the world celebrate 4) _____ fireworks as part of their popular "festival of lights" in October–November. In America the Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks. Pyrotechnical competitions involving fireworks are held 5) _____ many countries, the World Pyro Olympics is an international firework competition held in the Philippine and it runs for five days and attracts large numbers of tourists from 6) _____ the world. The largest firework display in the world was held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kuwait's constitution, 77,282 fireworks were launched 7) _____ a period of one hour. Early fireworks were enjoyed mainly 8) _____ the sound; the gunpowder exploded quickly giving a loud bang. However, there was nothing to see 9) _____ a brief golden glow. The first recorded use of fireworks in Europe was at the wedding of King Henry V11 in 1486. Fireworks became very popular 10) _____ the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, the Queen enjoyed them so much that she created a "Fire Master of England" to be 11) _____ charge of organising firework displays for special occasions. King James II was so pleased 12) _____ the firework display at his coronation that he knighted his Fire Master. Up 13) _____ the 1830s, fireworks were only available in white and orange colours, then the Italians realised that that 14) _____ combining metallic salts 15) _____ potassium chlorate a variety of colours could be produced; the hardest colour to create is blue. Owing to this development, we are able to have the colourful firework displays that we see today. Fireworks can be very dangerous and every year hundreds of people are injured by them. Many accidents are caused by sparklers, these must not be handled 16) _____ small children; a sparkler burns 17) _____ a temperature of 15 times the boiling point of water, they also remain hot 18) _____ use. The biggest occasion 19) _____ fireworks in the U.K is on Guy Fawkes Night; this is held to celebrate the failing of the gunpowder plot on November 5th 1605, which was an attempt to kill King James I 20) _____ the Houses of Parliament. Today most people prefer to go to organised firework displays as these are considered safer.