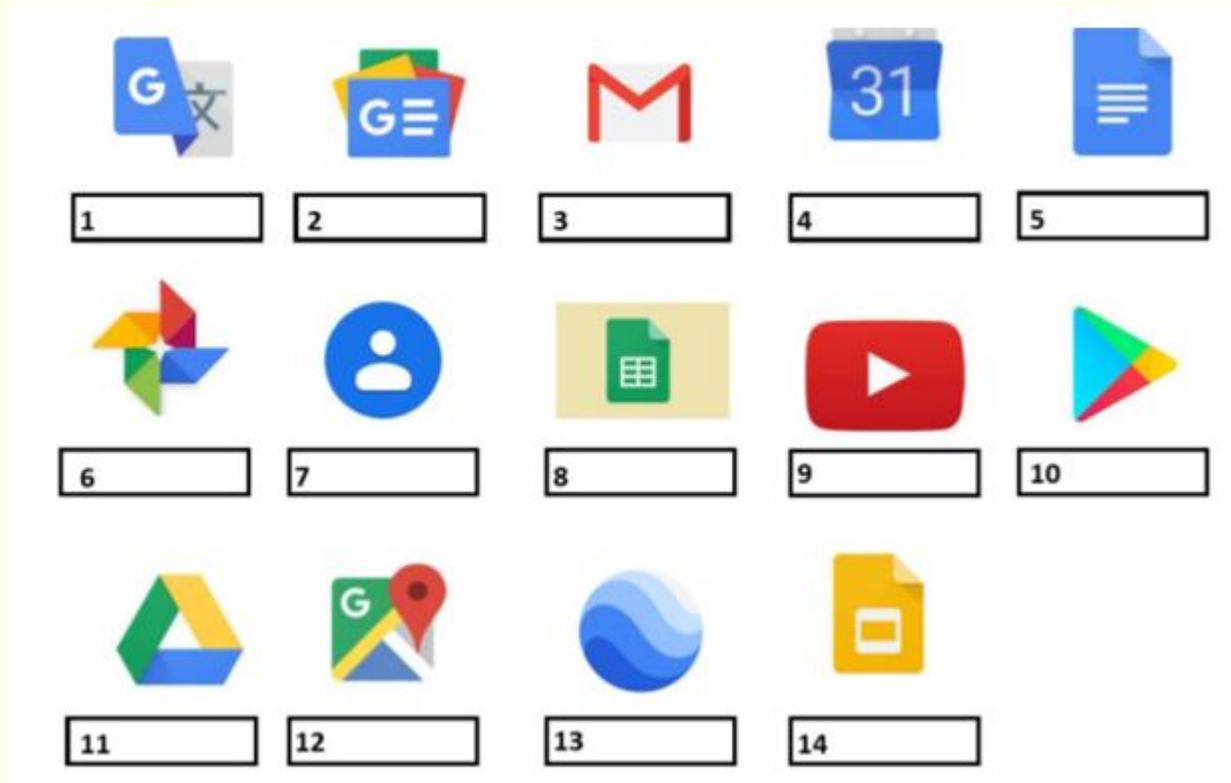




**I know, I know**—school is out for the summer, but I'm assisting in throwing a pop quiz at you folks. Courtesy of *Jim Cerny* over in the Sunshine State. How many can you identify—without looking at an outside source, or the answers at the bottom. Be honest, there is no prize for the most correct answers but you might learn you spend way too much time on the computer if you get more than half correct. Have fun.



*Back to the Basics—Do you know these Google Icons?*

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The above icons represent some popular Google apps, do you recognize any of them? Write the name of the app in the box. All these apps are FREE with Google, all you need is a Google account. Still stuck on a few? Maybe you can match a description below to the icon above. Of course they are not in the same order, what would the fun be in that? (The answers are at the end of this article).

**A— Google Earth -- Explore anyplace on the planet, zoom in or out, take tours, and enjoy the constantly improving 3D buildings and land formations. Absolutely dazzling!**

**B — Google DRIVE – Free software that works like Microsoft Office – you get Google Docs (word processing), Sheets (spreadsheets), Slides (presentations) and more. You can also put (upload) ANY of your files onto the drive to share with others and have them available anywhere. There is a small charge if you exceed the free 15 GB space amount.**



## ***A bit of history ICYMI-Why do we celebrate Independence Day on July 4 and not July 2?***

John Adams, didn't think the day to commemorate was July 4, he thought July 2 was the date that would be celebrated "as the great anniversary festival." Why? Because it was on July 2, 1776, that delegates at the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia officially separated the 13 American colonies from Britain by approving a motion for independence advanced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia.

The next day, on July 3, Adams wrote a letter to his wife Abigail with this prediction:

***The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.***

So, why do we celebrate July 4 as Independence Day? Because, that's when the actual Declaration of Independence was adopted, although not signed by all members of the Continental Congress. Only two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776 John Hancock and Charles Thompson. The average age, of all those who signed the Declaration of Independence, was 45. The youngest at age 27, was Thomas Lynch, Jr of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania at age 70. Thomas Jefferson was 33.

Jefferson's original draft was lost and the one eventually signed is the "engrossed" document and is kept at the National Archives. He wrote it on a "Laptop"!!

The printed version of the Declaration was called the Dunlap Broadside - 200 were made but only 27 are accounted for. One of these was found in the back of picture frame at a tag sale and sold at auction for \$8.14 million dollars to television producer Norman Lear. It now travels the country to be displayed to the public.

In January 1777, Congress commissioned [Mary Katherine Goddard](#) to print a new broadside that, unlike the Dunlap broadside, listed the signers of the Declaration. With the publication of the Goddard broadside, the public learned for the first time who had signed the Declaration. See a picture of the Library of Congress copy at <https://tinyurl.com/yc4cafwa>

For another interesting take on the 4<sup>th</sup> you might like **10 MYTHS FOR THE FOURTH** at: <https://tinyurl.com/y53eyykt>

### **What about Fireworks?**

The cities of Boston and Philadelphia both included fireworks displays as part of the celebrations of Independence Day in 1777. But the use of fireworks on the Fourth spread relatively slowly. They spread through New England and New York in the decades after the Revolution. But the firing of cannon and muskets and parades were much more common. Besides, fireworks at the time were expensive, tricky to manage safely, and not nearly as impressive as they are today. By the late 19th century, fireworks were entrenched as something to be seen on the Fourth of July across the country, and not just in the leading cities. Last year, upwards of 20,000 cities and towns had fireworks displays. The cost ranges from \$5K to \$30K The 10 most elaborate ones are generally listed as:

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1. Macy's 4th;
2. Music City Nashville 4th of July Fireworks;
3. National Mall 4th of July Fireworks;
4. Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular;
5. Philly 4th of July Jam;
6. Atlantic City 4th of July Fireworks;
7. Freedom Over Texas, Houston;
8. The Waterfront Blues Festival Portland;
9. Las Vegas 4th of July Fireworks;
10. S. Lake Tahoe's Lights on the Lake.



**If you decide you have to do some yourself, The National Council on Fireworks Safety encourages consumers to follow these safety tips:**

1. Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
2. Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
3. A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
4. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
5. Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
6. Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
7. Do not hold a fireworks item in your hand.
8. Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
9. Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water before you discard it.
10. After purchasing fireworks, always store them in a cool, dry place.
11. When using fireworks always have a connected hose, bucket of water, or other water source nearby.
12. Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
13. Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
14. Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trashcan away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
15. Ensure all pets and animals are away from fireworks noise.
16. With the rise in stress-related disorders affecting American service men and women, pay special consideration to individuals who may be sensitive to loud noises in proximity to your fireworks show.

***Be safe and enjoy the Holiday..GBA and Aloha, Lou and in spirit, Pooky***



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### Thoughts on July

Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15.

~ Ronald Reagan

Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD.

We came in peace for all mankind.

~ Neil Armstrong

The man who bears my name, and who claims to be me, was born on July 15, 1865, the sixth in a family of seven.

He was an ugly child, and remained ugly till his eighteenth year, when his looks gradually improved.

~Laurence Housman

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Previous members coordinated all the IT communications, registrations, tours and activities via old IBM and Commodore personal computers; 14KB dial-up modem connections and many working hours to accomplish this unique multi-faceted operation.

