

# Reader's Theater:

## Fourth of July



**Directions:** Read the play below, then answer the questions on page 2.

On the Fourth of July, four friends gathered to watch fireworks near the river.

**Narrator:** Four friends met at the common area in the apartment complex. The sun was shining, the pool water glistened in the sun, and the friends were cheerful as they celebrated Independence Day.

**Lupe:** Let's play a game of volleyball! Then it will be time to eat. Angelo can grill the veggie dogs for us.

**Marcus:** (jokingly) Are you ready to lose?

**Hye:** Game on! Girls against boys. Watch out, guys. You should be scared.

**Narrator:** The friends played volleyball on the sand volleyball court. They worked up an appetite and were ready to eat dinner.

**Angelo:** All right! It's time for dinner. I'll fire up the grill and then make these veggie dogs. Then we can clean up and go see the fireworks.

**Hye:** I like that plan. I'll get the rest of the food organized. Marcus, will you help too?

**Marcus:** Sure thing. If we do this right, it will be easy to clean up. We can eat quickly and get a great spot to watch the fireworks.

**Angelo:** Uh oh. I think we have a problem.

**Lupe:** (with her eyes wide) That's not what I like to hear. Please tell me you didn't burn the veggie dogs. I was really looking forward to my Fourth of July dinner!

**Angelo:** Well, are veggie dogs supposed to be this color? I guess you could say I burned them. I'm really sorry. I looked away for a minute, and then they burned. We didn't pack extra either.

**Marcus:** It's okay. Please don't worry, Lupe! We can fix this.

**Hye:** I have an idea! We can make a new Fourth of July tradition. This will be way more fun than eating veggie dogs. Veggie dogs are boring!

**Narrator:** Hye and Marcus gathered all of the chips, cookies, and other snacks together in the center of the picnic table. They gave each friend a veggie dog bun.

**Hye:** Here is our new tradition. Everyone fill up your veggie dog bun with as much food as you can. We can see who creates the yummiest dinner. Go!

**Narrator:** The friends filled up their veggie dog buns with sweets and snacks.

**Lupe:** (laughing) Wow! This tradition is awesome! Thank you for making lemonade out of lemons.

### Characters:

Narrator  
Angelo  
Lupe  
Marcus  
Hye

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Directions: After reading the play on page 1, answer the questions below.

1. Put the events of the drama in the correct order below. Label each event with a number from 1-5. The first event has been done for you.

\_\_\_ Lupe suggests that they play volleyball.

1 The friends gather in the common area.

\_\_\_ Angelo burns the veggie dogs.

\_\_\_ Hye teaches the friends how to make their new dinner.

\_\_\_ Hye and Marcus set up the table.



2. The cast of characters tells the reader \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What lesson does this drama teach? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Which words best describe Lupe? Circle two.

glamorous    active    hateful    unfair    grateful



5. Which words best describe Hye? Circle two.

helpful    unsure    clever    concerned    rough

6. Draw a scene from the drama in the space below. Then, write one sentence on the lines about what is happening in the scene.

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