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April 2013 Learning Activities

I. A quick look at the contents--find the answers.

1. A special naturalization ceremony was held at Rosie the Riveter/ _____ Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. (p. 1)
2. A fitness court is an outdoor space with special places _____ exercises. (p. 3)
3. Where are Laura Espino and her mother, Silvia Ramos, from? (p. 4)
4. What are the first three words of the Constitution? (p. 4)
5. In what year did women in this country get the right to vote? (p. 5)
6. A mermaid is a legendary aquatic creature with the upper body of a _____ and the _____ of a _____. (p. 6)
7. Manatees are sometimes called " _____." (p. 6)
8. Where is the statue of the Little Mermaid? (p. 7)
9. A _____ is the elected head of a city or town. (p. 7)
10. Where will the Masters Golf Tournament be held? When will the finals be? (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases on the left.

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| _____ 1. The police turned a blind eye to the violence. | a. happened suddenly |
| _____ 2. The music gave her goose bumps . | b. avoided seeing something, overlooked |
| _____ 3. A big storm came up . | c. made her feel excited |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Special setting for citizenship ceremony" (pages 1 and 4)

1. Christine Lehnertz told those attending the ceremony that the national parks have been set aside _____.
2. Carolyn Muzyka said that our differences and different _____ make America stronger.

B. From "DVD review: Iron Jawed Angels." (page 5)

1. When did Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton introduce the amendment to give women the vote?
2. One of the tactics of the National Women's Party was to _____ the gates of the White House every day from _____ to _____.

C. From "Mermaids swim in Florida" (page 6)

1. Who wrote the popular fairy tale, "The Little Mermaid?"
2. Mermaids are associated with the sirens of _____.

D. From "Local government" (page 7)

1. Most often, a mayor is described as the _____ of the city or town.
2. Mayors are responsible for the city's _____. This is the plan of expected income and expenses.

IV. What is your favorite photograph in the April issue of Easy English Times? Why?

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the May issue is April 19

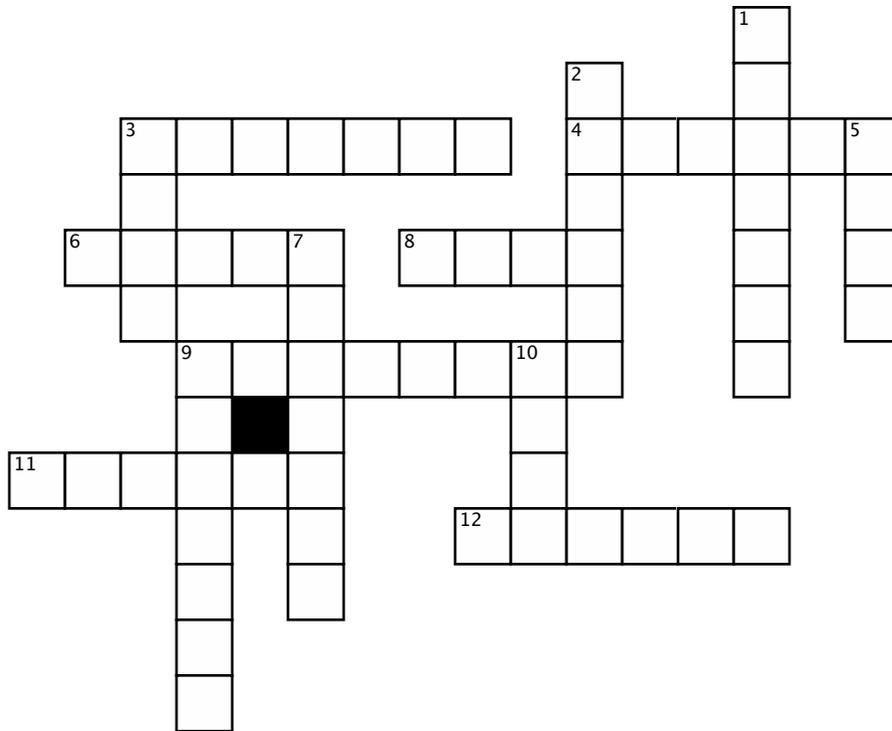
One of the themes for the May issue is Mother's Day. Send stories about important women in your life. Also send stories about soccer or other sports, your citizenship experiences, your job, your life, or your city.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: breeze, core, fainted, foam, gentle, lure, nagging, ranger, riot, spoiled, springs, struggle, thrown, waves,

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Crossword Puzzle, April 2013

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. The Little Mermaid _____ after she drank the magic drink. She became unconscious.
4. Betty Reid Soskin is a national park _____. She is an official at the national historical park in Richmond, California.
6. The prince was pulled underwater by the _____. The long, raised masses of water moving across the surface of the sea made him go under.
8. It's important to do exercises that will strengthen your _____. The center of your body should be strong.
9. Alice Paul and Lucy Burns were involved in the feminist _____ for equality in England and the United States. It was a difficult task which used a lot of effort and energy.
11. The prince was _____ into the sea. He was sent through the air into the sea by the storm.
12. Manatees are "_____ giants." They are well-behaved, docile mammals of the sea.

Down

1. The Congressman didn't want to yield to the _____ of Iron-jawed angels. He didn't want to give in to women who were repeatedly asking for the right to vote.
2. There was a light wind blowing at the beach. It was a soft _____.
3. The Little Mermaid felt her body dissolve and turn into beautiful white sea _____. She became a mass of bubbles.
5. The parade in 1914 started out peacefully, but turned into a _____. Some of the people who were watching the parade became violent.
7. Manatees like to live near warm _____. They like the places where warm water comes up out of the ground.
9. Mark Twain said, "Golf is a good walk _____." He meant that the game of golf prevented a walk from being satisfactory.
10. According to legend, some mermaids would _____ sailors to their deaths. They would persuade them to follow them under water.