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April 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. There will be an official event to remember the Boston Marathon _____ of April 15, 2013. (p. 1)
2. Earth Day is the anniversary of the beginning of the modern _____. (p. 1)
3. The blood type most requested by hospital is Type _____. (p. 3)
4. The wind can be used to generate _____ or _____. (p. 4)
5. America has more than _____ national parks. (p. 4)
6. The information in Jo Robinson's book is useful to anyone who eats _____ and _____. (p. 5)
7. According to a Chinese proverb, "He who plants a garden, plants _____." (p. 6)
8. "First Position" is a film that follows six _____ as they prepare for a competition. (p. 7)
9. Easter is an important _____ holiday. (p. 7)
10. Each year the National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the gift of trees from _____ to Washington DC. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Boston Marathon will be held April 21" (page 1)

1. Who will be the hosts at the special event on April 15, 2014? _____ and _____.
2. People who were _____ and people who _____ to the tragedy will speak.
3. The Boston Marathon is always held on _____. That day commemorates the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, _____.

B. From "Earth Day is April 22" (pages 1 and 4)

1. In what year did the modern environmental movement begin? _____
2. According to the Earth Day Network, small things you do at home can help _____.
3. When gas prices increase, more people use _____.

C. From "People have used wind power since ancient times" (page 4)

1. It is said that windmills were first developed in _____ and _____.
2. Farmers have used wind power to _____ water and to _____ corn and wheat for generations.
3. The largest wind turbine in the world is located in Hawaii. It stands _____ stories high and has blades the length of a _____.

D. From "Easter bunny, Easter parade, Easter bonnets" (page 7)

1. The hare symbolizes _____ and rebirth.
2. An Easter bonnet represents the tradition of wearing _____ at Easter
3. The Easter Parade in New York City takes place on _____ Avenue.

III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why?

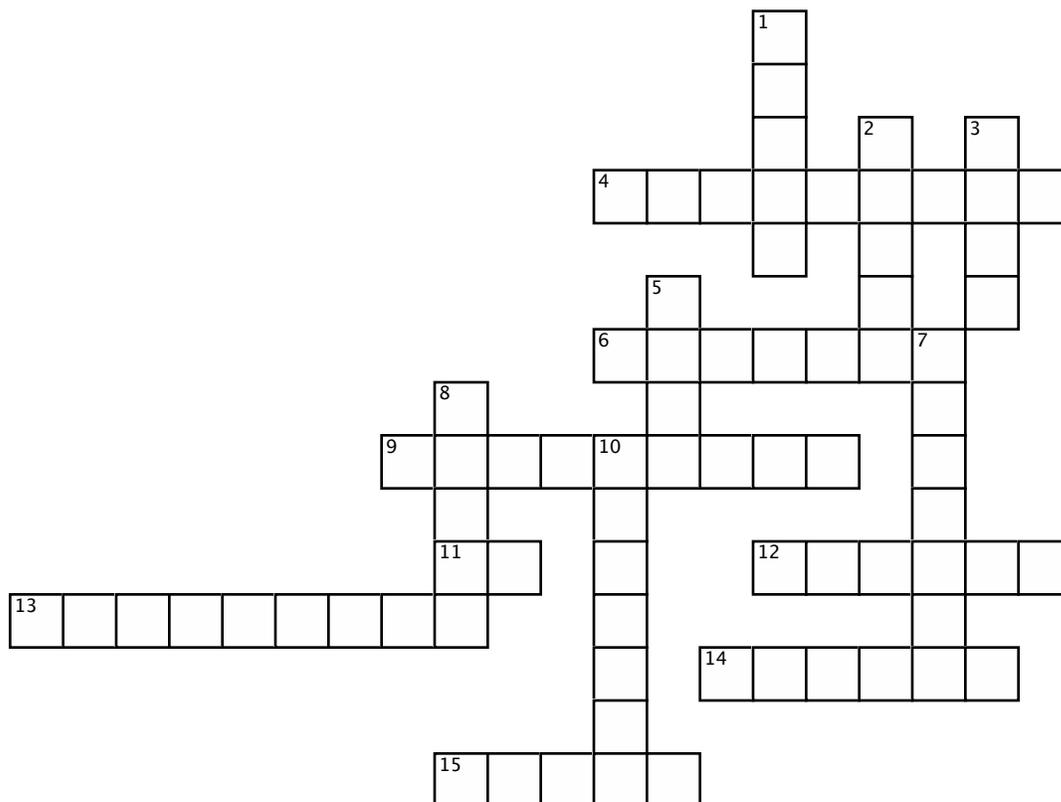
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the May issue is April 18. Send us stories about important women in your life. Also, tell us about your dreams for the future. We'd like to hear your thoughts about immigration reform and citizenship. Other topics include your hobby, pet, job, special talent, and home town or country.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: asset, commute, deceive, do, drive (used two times), flavorful, hunt, hurried, joined, must, reluctant, resembles, spoils, weeds

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*All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP*



Across

4. You can learn new ways to make your diet more _____. In other words, you can make it tastier.
6. The little chicken, hen, and rooster _____ down the road. They went quickly; they ran.
9. Are you _____ to give blood? Are you hesitant because you are concerned or afraid?
11. The dancers overcome their nervousness and _____ very well. They perform very well.
12. When food _____, you have to throw it out. It becomes bad or rotten.
13. Her nickname is Barbie because she _____ a Barbie doll. She looks like the doll.
14. 'Cocky Locky' the rooster _____ the other two. He got together with them.
15. The study shows that renewable energy is an _____ for the long term. There is an advantage to using it.

Down

1. The boy doesn't have the same _____ for dance as his sister. He doesn't have the same determination.
2. There was a blood donation _____ in honor of her friend. It was an organized effort to obtain blood.
3. Many children will _____ for Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. They will search for the eggs.
5. Chicken Little said, "I _____ tell the king that the sky is falling." She expressed her obligation to do it.
7. If you 'lead someone down the garden path', it means you _____ them. You fool, trick or mislead them. You are dishonest.
8. Are there a lot of _____ in your garden? Are there a lot of wild plants that you don't want growing there?
10. Do you use public transportation when you _____? Do you use it when you travel to and from work or school regularly?