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Learning Activities

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

1. Obama said that in Garland, he has chosen a _____ man and an _____ judge. (p. 1)
2. The important New York primary election is on _____. (p. 1)
3. Wombats are short-legged marsupials that are native to _____. (p. 1)
4. _____ is the Library of Congress's Poet Laureate for 2015-16. (p. 2)
5. The cherry trees in Washington DC came from the people of _____. (p. 2)
6. The _____ is the national tree of the U.S. and many other countries. (p. 3)
7. Over 10,000 Japanese Americans were interned at Manzanar during _____. (p. 5)
8. Norman Mineta and Mariko Yamada are examples of people who have served and are serving as _____ in the U.S. (p. 5)
9. Sexual harassment is the legal name for very _____ some people treat other people. (p. 6)
10. "The 33" film is based on the real events of the mining disaster that occurred in _____ in _____. (p. 6)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Celebrate Earth Day on April 22" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Methods used on sustainable farms protect the _____, _____, and air.
2. Sustainable farmers return nutrients to the soil by _____.

B. From "The Arai family koi pond" (page 5)

1. President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 called for _____.
2. The land at Manzanar was surrounded by _____ fencing.

C. From "Family histories: Two have long careers in politics and public service" (page 5)

1. Mineta served as Secretary of _____ and later as Secretary of _____.
2. During Yamada's six years in the Assembly, she saw 31 of her _____ signed into _____.

D. From "How to avoid or stop sexual harassment at work or school" (page 6)

1. Sometimes harassers are fellow _____ or fellow _____.
2. The first step that may help to stop harassment is to _____.

III. What is your favorite photo in this issue? Why do you like it?

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the April issue is March 18. In observance of Mother's Day, send us stories about important women in your life. Other suggestions include what citizenship means to you, your birthday or anniversary celebrations, your job, your life, favorite sports or any topic of general interest.

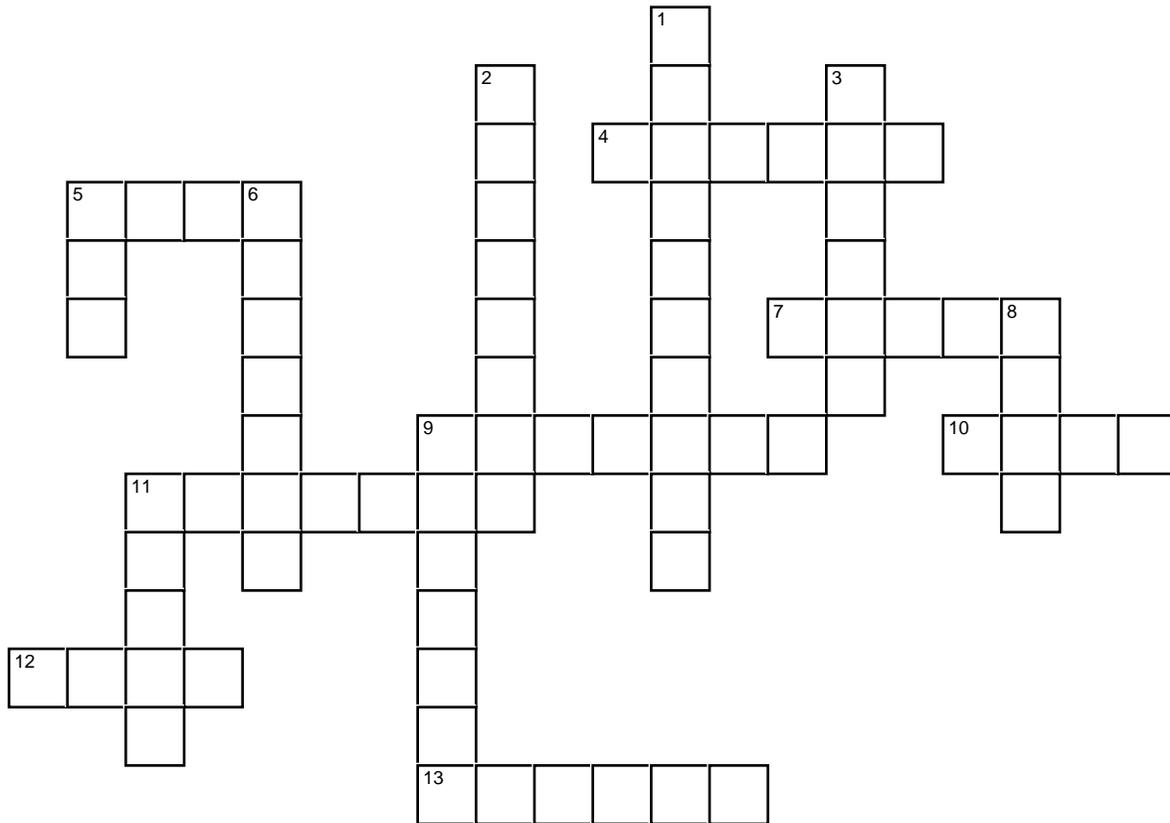
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: demands, dirt, duty, earth, endured, expected, pat, persuasive, pond, profit, refuses, reunion, scraps, soil, victor, worms

See our website www.easyenglishtimes.com for the Answer Key and a new vocabulary matching exercise.

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

4. To 'hit pay dirt' means to make a valuable discovery or large _____, a financial gain.
5. The Arai family created a Japanese koi fish _____, a small body of still water.
7. _____ are little invertebrate animals with long slender, soft bodies and no arms or legs.
9. Their family has a _____ every two years. All the members of the family gather together.
10. Loose soil, earth, and ground is also called _____.
11. There were 33 men who _____ the Chilean mine disaster. They suffered patiently.
12. President Obama said that it is his _____ to nominate a Justice. It is his responsibility.
13. Worm composting is using worms to recycle food _____. The worms eat small pieces of food.

Down

1. A _____ person is good at persuading someone to do or believe something.
2. The idiom 'out of the blue' refers to something that happens that is not _____. People don't believe that it will happen.
3. Another word for the winner in a contest or battle is _____.
5. Harassers sometimes touch, grab, or _____ people in ways that they do not want or like. They might tap them with a soft, light touch.
6. In the film 'The 33', Maria _____ answers about what is happening. She strongly requests answers.
8. The upper layer of earth in which plants grow is called _____.
9. Mario _____ to give up hope when things look grim. He is not willing to give up.
11. The planet we live on is _____.