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Editor's Note: A focus in education today is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). In our April Earth Day issue: Page 1: the March for Science, the EPA with a photo of a woman scientist, and a related immigrant success story. Page 2: "Spare Parts" about a high school robotic team. Page 5: How a forest becomes "petrified." Page 8: "Hidden Figures" about women mathematicians at NASA.

April 2017 Learning Activities

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

1. The March for Science will be held _____ on Earth Day _____. (p. 1)
2. The EPA was created for the purpose of protecting _____ and the _____. (p. 1)
3. Trump wants to limit entry from a _____ of predominantly _____. (p. 1)
4. Kieu Hoang made a _____ donation to the San Jose flood relief fund. (p. 1)
5. "Spare Parts" is an _____ story of four teenagers who were born in _____. (p. 2)
6. The _____ Commemoration of the U.S. Entry into World War I will be held on _____. (p. 4)
7. A petrified tree is as hard as a _____. The organic material has been replaced with _____. (p. 5)
8. Butterfly Wonderland is the _____ butterfly _____ in the United States. (p. 5)
9. Teams in the "Grapefruit League" train in _____. Teams in the "Cactus League" go to _____. (p. 7)
10. Major League Baseball now requires that every team have a _____ - _____ translator. (p. 7)

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

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| ___ 1. How often do you get dressed up ? | a. succeed in reaching someone ahead of you |
| ___ 2. The pitcher gave up 3 runs. | b. put on special, more formal clothes |
| ___ 3. John went to the mall to hang out . | c. spend time relaxing or enjoying oneself |
| ___ 4. American scientists felt pressure to catch up . | d. let the other team get runs |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "The March for Science is planned for Earth Day" (pages 1 and 3)

1. It is hoped that everyone will join the effort to _____ that science plays...
2. Concern has been expressed over _____ for science and research.

B. From "California's Petrified Forest" and "Robert Louis Stevenson" (page 5)

1. Scientists have estimated that the trees were petrified in a _____ ...
2. Robert Louis Stevenson is a famous _____ who grew up in _____.

C. From "Spring training" (page 7)

1. Since it is still winter in much of the country, the baseball players _____ where it is _____.
2. Spring training begins with _____ and _____ arriving first.

D. From "Hidden Figures" (page 8)

1. This film tells the _____ story of three _____ female mathematicians.
2. These three women made contributions to _____.

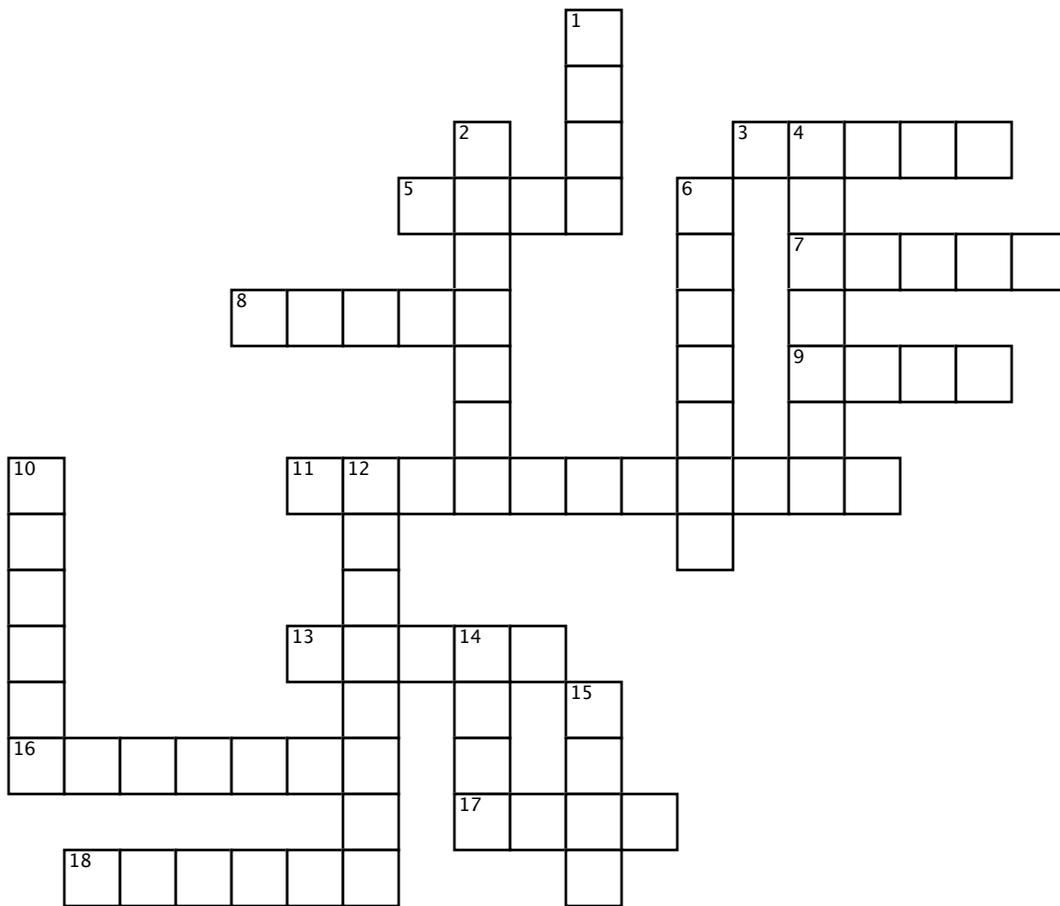
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the May issue is April 14. For our Mother's Day issue, send us stories about important women in your life. Also send stories about your family, your life, your job, favorite sports, favorite movies, favorite books or any topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: acknowledge, anger, care, catchers, dough, fashion, flat, griddle, hiking, itch, make, pitcher, runs, score, soak, stuck, teasing, themes

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. The car was _____ in the mud. It was unable to move.
5. She is practicing a lot because she wants to _____ the team. She wants to get a place on the team.
7. A strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure or hostility is _____.
8. The _____ that is used for making tortillas is called. 'masa'. It is a thick mixture of cornmeal or flour and liquid
9. I want to scratch my mosquito bites. They _____.
11. Science enthusiasts will _____ the vital role science plays in our lives. They will recognize the importance of science.
13. The number of points, goals, runs, etc. achieved in a game by a team or an individual is called the _____.
16. A heavy, flat metal plate that is heated and used for cooking is called a _____.
17. Remember to _____ the beans before you cook them. Immerse them in water so they become thoroughly wet.
18. They talked about the _____ of the book. They talked about its topics.

Down

1. Our team lost, but we didn't _____. We were not concerned because it had been a very good game.
2. She always wears clothes that are in _____. They are a popular style.
4. The kids were provoking each other in a playful way. They were _____ each other.
6. The baseball player who delivers the ball to the batter is the _____.
10. Walking a long ways, especially in the country or wilderness is _____.
12. The baseball players positioned behind home plate to catch the pitches not hit by the batter are called _____.
14. In baseball, points scored when base runners reach home plate after touching the other bases are called _____.
15. Tortillas are little _____ cakes. They are smooth and even with little height or depth.