

# Easy English Times

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## **Learning Activities**

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

1. The children claimed the government was not doing what it could to help fix \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
2. The youth movement was spread by \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
3. It is estimated that more than \_\_\_\_\_ people in \_\_\_\_\_ countries take part in Earth Day. (p. 1)
4. Yellowstone National Park was the nation's \_\_\_\_\_ National Park. (p. 1)
5. New Zealand takes action to promote \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 2)
6. On April 16, 1862 over 3,000 enslaved persons in Washington D.C. were freed eight months \_\_\_\_\_ the Emancipation Proclamation (p. 2)
7. "Libraries = Strong Communities" is the theme of \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 2)
8. Some intaglios are called \_\_\_\_\_ or geoglyphs. (p. 4)
9. A cairn is a pile of \_\_\_\_\_ stacked on top of each other. (p. 4)
10. The Donner Party was a group of \_\_\_\_\_ heading to Calif. in a wagon train in \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
11. The girls discovered that more than 40 countries had already \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags. (p. 5)
12. Scientific reports tell us that the average global temperature is \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)
13. Once balloons get loose they can pose a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)
14. The idea that finding a penny will bring \_\_\_\_\_ comes from superstition and folklore. (p. 6)
15. Paul Revere is best known for his \_\_\_\_\_ ride in April \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
16. Patriots' Day is a celebration of the patriots' fight for freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ rule. (p. 7)
17. Van Gogh was a \_\_\_\_\_ Post-Impressionist \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 8)

### **II. More careful reading--find these answers:**

#### **A. From "Environmental lawsuit still active, marches held" (pages 1 and 8)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ who brought the suit were aged 9 to 20.
2. In 2017 President Trump was named the lead \_\_\_\_\_ in a lawsuit.

#### **B. From "American history: The Donner Party" (pages 4 & 7)**

1. In late Oct. 1846 they reached the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains just east of Donner Pass.
2. Of the \_\_\_\_\_ pioneers who began the winter in the mountains, only \_\_\_\_\_ managed to walk out alive.

**III.** Find and read the quotations and proverbs on pages 1, 5, 6, & 8. Which one do you like the most?

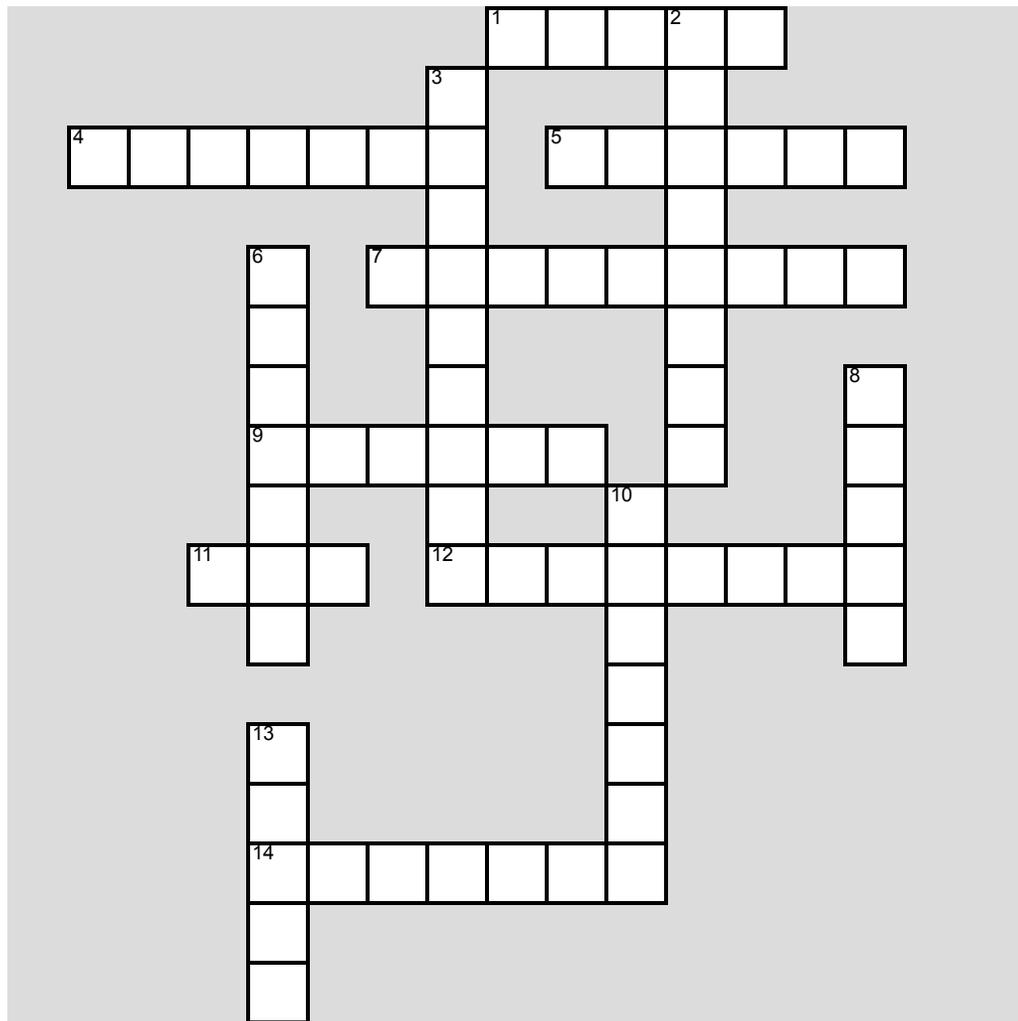
**IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the May 2019 issue is April 17.** Send stories about your mother, grandmother, or other important women in your life. Also tell us about your hobby, job, family, favorite sports, movies, books, or any topic of general interest.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** advocates, bin, cheating, easel, flock, lawsuit, pollution, shortcut, skipped, sneeze, sorted, trapped, worth, wrapped

**See our website for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.**

# Crossword Puzzle - April 2019

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



## Across

- 1 A \_\_\_\_\_ of wild geese is a group of birds.
- 4 When they were prevented from escaping, they were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 You say "achoo" when you \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Scientists say that carbon \_\_\_\_\_ destabilizes the climate.
- 9 When items are separated according to type, they are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 Put your recyclable items in a \_\_\_\_\_. Put them in a receptacle.
- 12 A shorter alternative route is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 Some students \_\_\_\_\_ classes. They didn't attend.

## Down

- 2 They were acting dishonestly. They were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Persons who publicly support a cause are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 A claim or dispute that is brought to a court of law is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 How much is it \_\_\_\_\_? What is its value?
- 10 Plastic bags \_\_\_\_\_ around their arms when they swam in the ocean.
- 13 A painter puts his canvas on an \_\_\_\_\_, a wooden frame.