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Learning Activities

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

1. On what date did the powerful 9.0 earthquake hit the northeastern coast of Japan? (p. 1)
2. Where was Yaakov (Jack) Younani an internal medicine doctor? (p. 1)
3. What did President Barack Obama award Gerda Weissmann Klein? (p. 1)
4. When a natural disaster hits, what is the most important thing for human survival? (p. 2)
5. What does 'taiko' mean in Japanese? (p. 3)
6. What is the theme of this year's White House Easter Egg Roll? (p. 4)
7. What is the moral of the story about the milkmaid? (p. 4)
8. The name of the website where you can donate rice by playing educational games is _____. (p. 6)
9. Where and when does the film "Nanny McPhee Returns" take place? (p. 7)
10. What is the only way that Lottery Visa winners are notified? (p. 8)

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

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| ___ 1. Do you look forward to eating out? | a. have a friendly relationship |
| ___ 2. Do you like fast food ? | b. be enthusiastic about something special in the future |
| ___ 3. The city kids don't get along with their country cousins.. | c. get a project started |
| ___ 4. Let's get the ball rolling . | d. food prepared in advance |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Powerful earthquake and tsunami devastate area in northern Japan" pages 1 and 2

1. When did the tsunami waves hit Japan?
2. In some of the food and water near the nuclear power plant they have found traces of _____.
3. According to reporters, what kind of people are the Japanese?

B. From "A childhood memory" pages 1 and 8

1. Yaakov began giving free visits to _____ percent of his patients because they were very poor.
2. Why did Yaakov and his mother have to walk to the clinic when he was very sick?
3. After the doctor threw them out of the clinic, where did Yaakov's mother take him?

C. From "American by choice" pages 1 and 8

1. Who is the Outstanding American by Choice recognition presented to?
2. What did Gerda Weissmann Klein survive?
3. Since becoming a US citizen, what has she dedicated her life to?

D. From "Change in the Middle East" and "Demonstrations in the United States" page 5

1. What are some of the governments in the Middle East and North Africa doing?
2. Who launched strikes by sea and air against Gaddafi's forces?
3. In the demonstrations held in San Francisco, people were expressing opinions about what was happening in _____ and _____.

IV. Writing Suggestions:

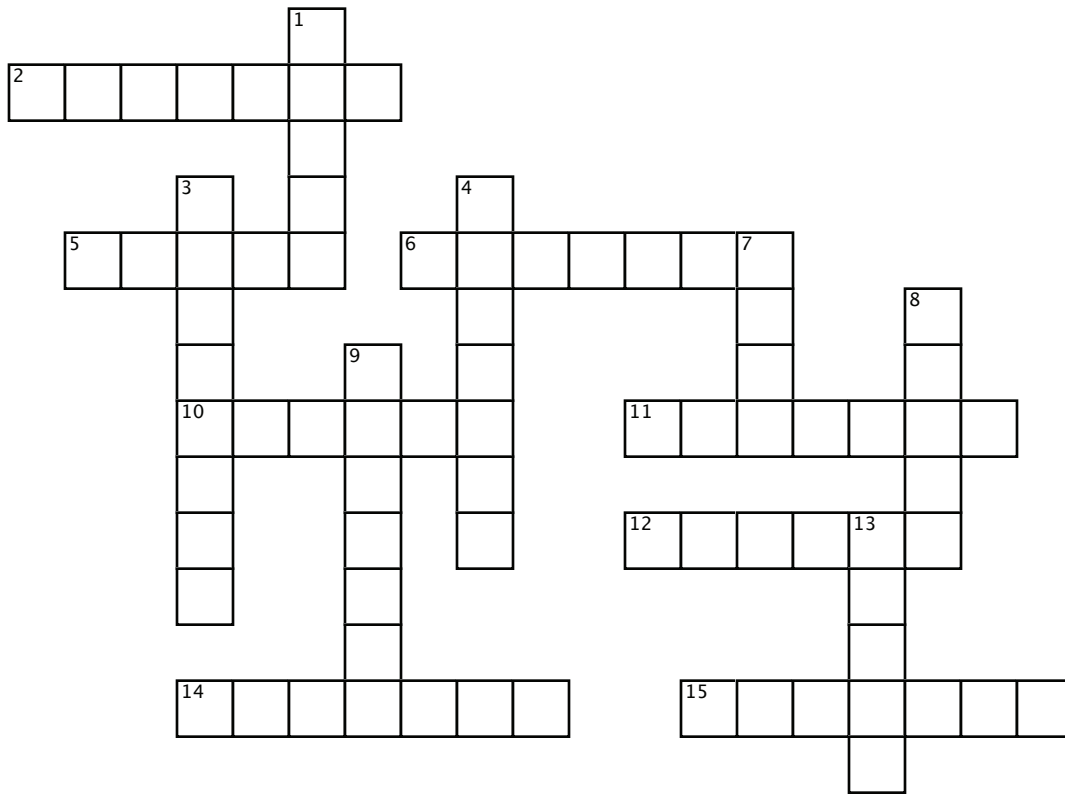
For the May issue, please send stories about mothers, grandmothers, or important women in your life. You can also send stories about music, books, movies, sports, your life, your country, your hometown, your job, or the place where you live now. **The deadline for the May issue is April 20.**

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: behaved, chaos, crowded, daydream, debts, dish, proudly, rushed, shifted, spins, spoiled, swept, unrest, vendors, warning,

Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from Vocabulary Help



Across

2. The rich kids got everything they wanted. They were _____.
5. When the mother gets home, she finds a situation of _____. There is mass confusion and disorder.
6. The restaurant is very popular. It is always _____. It is always full of people, packed.
10. After the earthquake a tsunami _____ in and caused a lot of damage. The tsunami moved very quickly.
11. Isabel's children are not very well _____. They don't act in the way that people think is correct and proper.
12. Many countries in North Africa and the Middle East have seen _____. The people are expressing anger and dissatisfaction by demonstrating or rioting.
14. Are there many street _____ in your country? Are there people who sell things along the sides of the streets?
15. The Immigration Service sent out a _____ recently. They sent out a statement that said to beware of a Green Card Lottery fraud.

Down

1. He owes a lot of money to the people who loaned it to him. He has a lot of _____.
3. The girl began to _____. She allowed her mind to think pleasantly and fantasize.
4. She lifted up her head _____. She lifted it up with dignity.
7. What is your favorite _____? What is your favorite type of cooked food?
8. The tsunami put boats on the roofs of houses and _____ coastal towns out to sea. It forcefully moved the towns.
9. The earthquake was so powerful that the earth _____ on its axis. It changed from one position to another.
13. Scientists say that now the earth _____ a little faster. It turns around in its orbit a tiny bit faster.