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Learning Activities

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

1. When were one-room schools common in America? (p. 1) _____
2. How long is the fountain at the Kennedy Space Center? (p. 1) _____
3. What kind of service was held for Neil Armstrong on Sept. 14, 2012? (p. 2) _____
4. John Glenn made history in 1962 as the first American to _____ (p. 2)
5. What are the names of the royal baby's parents? (p. 4) _____
6. The man in the picture used _____ and wore a _____ and a hard hat while he climbed the tall tree. (p. 6)
7. Do the trees where you live _____ in the fall? (p. 6)
8. The article in *Time Magazine* says that _____ is increasingly showing that the brains of people who know two or more languages are different from those who know just one. (p. 7)
9. Which countries celebrate their independence on Sept. 15? _____
When does Mexico celebrate independence? _____ And Chile? _____ (p. 8)
10. Where is the America's Cup sailing race being held? (p. 8) _____

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "One-room schools important in American history" (page 1)

1. One-room schools usually had one teacher who taught students of several different _____.
2. Jefferson believed that educated people were essential for a _____ to work.
3. Children were taught by _____, not age.

B. From "John Glenn - Former astronaut became a senator" (page 2)

1. In 1959, John Glenn was selected as one of the original _____ for Project Mercury.
2. How many terms did John Glenn serve in the U.S. Senate? _____
3. At age 77, Glenn _____ again from Kennedy Space Center aboard STS-95 *Discovery*.

C. From "People at work" (page 6)

1. The man in the picture worked quickly. The tall tree was _____ in just a few hours.
2. Other services provided by tree care companies are _____ and _____.
3. Tree workers can get to the high parts of a tree by using _____ or by _____.

D. From "Multilingual people have advantages" (page 7)

1. Studies show that multilingual people are better at _____, at _____, and at understanding conflicting ideas.
2. In the state of Utah, schools provide classes in _____, _____ and _____ to elementary school children.
3. Brian Gold says that language lessons in adulthood fall into the ' _____ ' category.

III. What is your favorite photograph in the August/September issue of Easy English Times? Why?

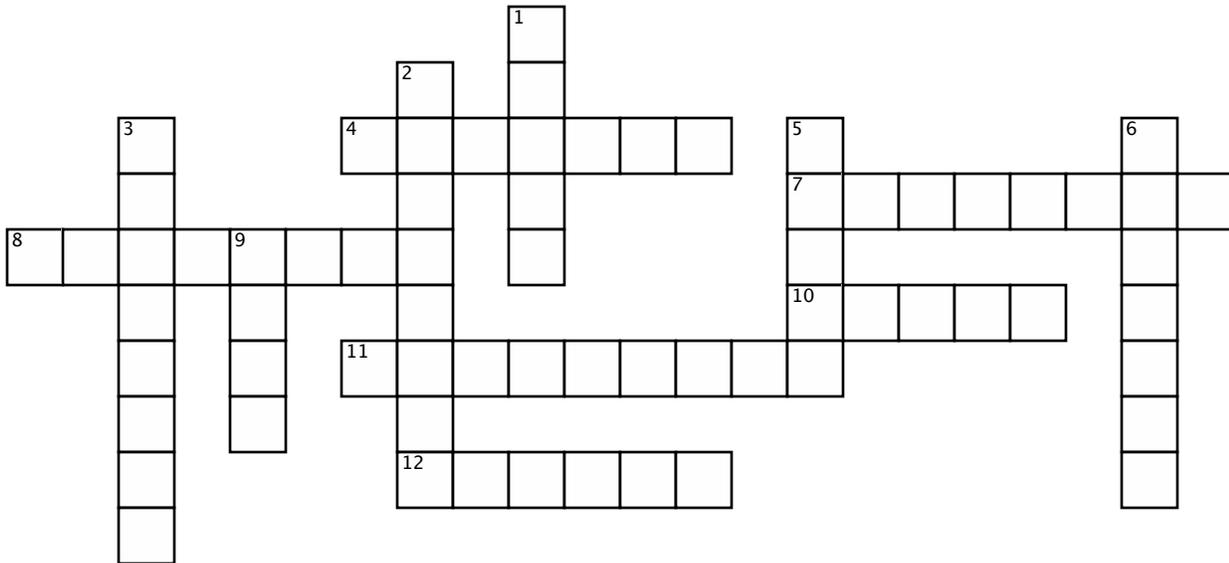
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the October issue is September 18.

Follow up with some of the stories in this issue by writing about your goals, your first impression of the place where you live now, or your favorite flower. Other topics include your job; favorite sports, films, books or places to visit; your life; your town, city or country; your hobbies, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: branches, chainsaw, crib, heights, knowledge, might, nurse, peasants, prune, reflexes, replica, shabby,

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle August/September 2013

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VOCABULARY HELP.



Across

4. Tree workers have to be able to work at _____. They have to work in high positions above the ground.
7. Do you have good _____? How is your ability to react quickly when something unexpected happens?
8. To cut down a tall tree, a worker first cuts off some of the _____. He cuts off the parts of the tree that grow out from the trunk
10. Amy went to the babysitter's house every day at noon so she could _____ her baby. She fed the baby through her breasts.
11. Tree workers have to have special _____ about trees. They have to have information and understanding about trees.
12. Nai-Nai lived in a rather _____ house with simple and crude furniture. The house was falling apart and dirty.

Down

1. A person who goes out on the limb of a tree is risking his or her safety. The limb _____ break. There is a possibility that he or she will fall.
2. In China 43 years ago Amy's husband had to be re-educated by the _____, farmers of low social rank.
3. A useful tool for people who work for a tree service company is a _____. It is a portable mechanical saw powered by electricity or gasoline.
5. When you _____ a tree, bush or vine, you cut off some of the branches so that it will grow better the next year.
6. It is expected that baby Prince George will wear a christening gown that is a _____ of a gown that was used in 1841. It will be a copy of that gown.
9. Do you or did you have a _____ for your baby? It is a baby bed with high sides around it.