

# Easy English Times

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## August/September 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. The 9/11 Memorial Museum is described as a place of \_\_\_\_\_ . (p. 1)
2. Name the four African nations affected with the Ebola outbreak. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
3. The citizenship photo on page 1 shows people \_\_\_\_\_ at the ceremony. (caption)
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony was held at the Mondavi Farmworker Center this spring. (p. 2)
5. Who signed the bill that made the first Monday in September a national holiday? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 2)
6. What was the largest occupation in the United States in 1910? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 2)
7. Hispanic Heritage Month starts on \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 3)
8. The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment granted women \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 3)
9. The new Freedom Tower is the \_\_\_\_\_ tallest skyscraper in the world. (p. 5)
10. Smokey Bear is a symbol used to educate people about \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)

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

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| ___ 1. He goes to the mall to <b>hang out</b> with his friends. | a. near                                |
| ___ 2. <b>Delight in</b> the simple joy of a long walk.         | b. contribute money                    |
| ___ 3. Sit <b>close by</b> someone who is having a bad day.     | c. enjoy greatly                       |
| ___ 4. Let's each <b>chip in</b> \$20 to buy him a gift.        | d. spend time in a casual, relaxed way |

### III. More careful reading--find these answers:

#### A. From "9/11 Memorial Museum" (pages 1 and 5)

1. The public can see the \_\_\_\_\_ level of the site, seven stories \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The new museum and its exhibits tell of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the human spirit and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Americans coming together.

#### B. From "Only you can help celebrate Smokey's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday" (page 7)

1. Smokey's first message was " \_\_\_\_\_."
2. In 1950 a \_\_\_\_\_ was found alone, burnt, and scared after a wildfire burned through New Mexico. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ symbol of Smokey Bear.

#### C. From "Basketball player LeBron James returns home to Cleveland" (page 7)

1. LeBron James is perhaps the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world today.
2. He said, "What's most important for me is bringing one trophy back to \_\_\_\_\_."

#### D. From "DVD review -- The Young Victoria" (page 8)

1. Victoria was Queen of England from \_\_\_\_\_ until her death in \_\_\_\_\_, a reign of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. This time period in history is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ era. It was a time of great expansion of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why?

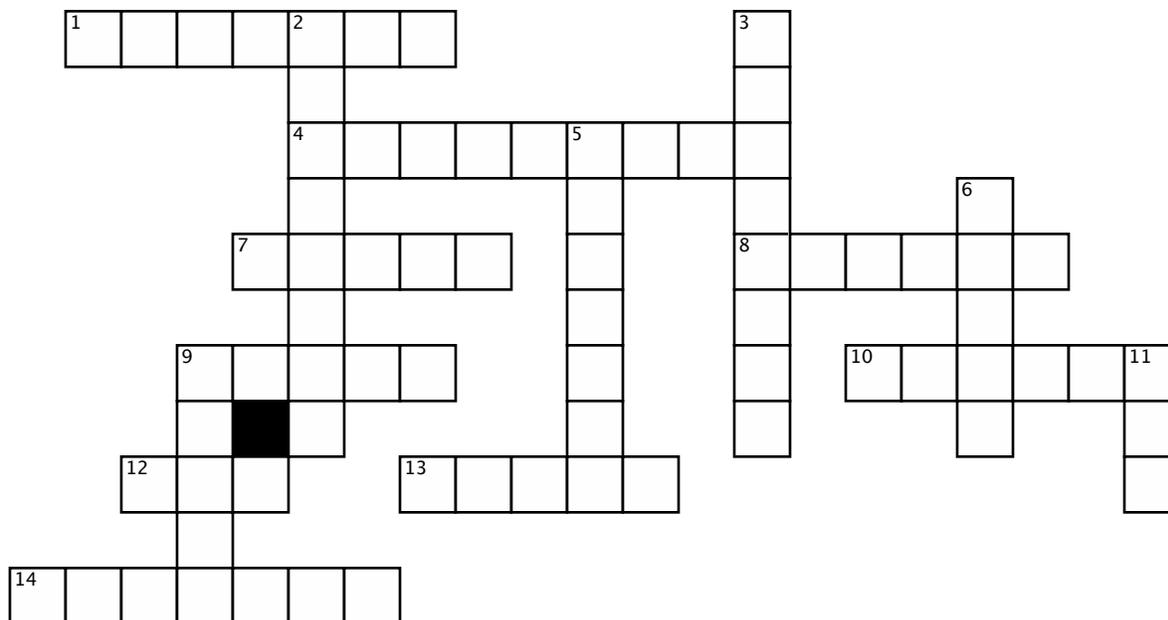
**IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Oct. issue is Sept. 18.** Send us stories about your favorite teacher or your experiences with the "Days of the Dead" or Halloween. Other topics include a hidden talent, an accomplishment, your family traditions, your hometown or country, your citizenship experience, or any other subject of general interest.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** ashamed, cheating, dig, erase, furious, outbreak, pretend, relax, shadow, shady, shift, staff, temper, tolerance, wag

# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



### Across

1. He became very angry. He was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The definition of \_\_\_\_\_ is acceptance, especially of beliefs and behavior different from the dominant culture.
7. On the wall of the 9/11 Memorial Museum it says, "No day shall \_\_\_\_\_ you from the memory of time." It means the victims will never be forgotten.
8. Try not to lose your \_\_\_\_\_. Try to control your anger.
9. The CDC is sending \_\_\_\_\_ to four African nations. They are sending a group of workers.
10. A Korean proverb says, "Don't step on your teacher's \_\_\_\_\_." Don't step on the dark shape that is formed when the sunlight is blocked.
12. Dogs like to bury their bones and later \_\_\_\_\_ them up. They turn over the earth until they find them.
13. When the weather is hot, try to get out of the sunlight. Look for a \_\_\_\_\_ place.
14. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to be something that you are not. Don't act in a way that gives a false appearance.

### Down

2. A sudden appearance of a disease is called an \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The teacher caught them \_\_\_\_\_. They were looking at the answers to the test. They were doing something that was dishonest.
5. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ to ask questions. Don't feel shame or embarrassment.
6. Chill out means to \_\_\_\_\_ and be at ease, to not be tense.
9. His sequence of working hours started at 6 p.m. His \_\_\_\_\_ started at 6 p.m.
11. When dogs are happy, they \_\_\_\_\_ their tails. They move them back and forth quickly.