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

1. The pope is the Bishop of Rome and the leader of the _____ Catholic Church. (p. 1)
2. Father Serra founded the first nine of 21 Spanish _____ in California. (p. 1)
3. Dolores Huerta was co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the _____. (p. 1)
4. After 9/11 many people came together to _____ in their communities. (p. 1)
5. Members of the U.S. Congress will vote to either _____ or _____ the Iran nuclear accord. (p. 2)
6. The 19th Amendment to the Constitution granted women the _____. (p. 3)
7. Sept. 15, 16 and 18 are anniversary dates of _____ for seven Latin American countries. (p. 3)
8. A vaccine is a type of medicine that keeps us from getting a serious _____. (p. 4)
9. Team Club Deportivo Olimpia is a professional Honduran _____ club based in _____. (p. 7)
10. A straw poll is an _____. (p. 8)

II. Exercise based on phrases found in VOCABULARY HELP: Find the meanings of these phrases. Optional: Write two or three original sentences using some of the phrases. Show them to your teacher.

1. come up with _____ (p. 2)
2. turned his back on _____ (p. 3)
3. keep from _____ (p. 4)
4. carries on _____ (p. 5)
5. end up _____ (p. 5)
6. getting away from _____ (p. 7)

III. More careful reading--find these answers.

A. From "Pope Francis to visit the United States" (pages 1 and 8)

1. Pope Francis is expected to meet with _____ and speak to _____.
2. On Sept. 26 he will celebrate a public Mass for an estimated _____ in _____.

B. From "Dolores Huerta honored with exhibit" and "Huerta, Chavez statues are dedicated" (pages 1 and 2)

1. A new exhibition at the Smithsonian _____ features Dolores Huerta.
2. Huerta attended and spoke at a ceremony to unveil _____ of herself and Cesar Chavez in Napa, Calif.

C. From "Iran nuclear accord being considered by U.S. Congress" (page 2)

1. President Obama says he will _____ a rejection of the accord.
2. The six nations that were involved in the negotiations with Iran include _____, _____, _____, the _____, _____, and the _____.

D. From "Vaccinations: Health protection you should know about" (page 4)

1. Vaccines help our bodies to _____ diseases if we come in contact with people who have them.
2. States often _____ children to have certain vaccinations before they can go to school or day care.

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

Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Oct. 2015 issue is September 16. Follow up with some of the stories in this issue by giving us your suggestions for learning English. Other topics include Halloween, Days of the Dead, favorite sports, films, or books; your life, your town, city or country; your hobbies, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: accord, annoys, bunches, catches, encourage, fair, grumble, highlight, joyfully, milk, mortgage, portrait, shortages, sour, weapons

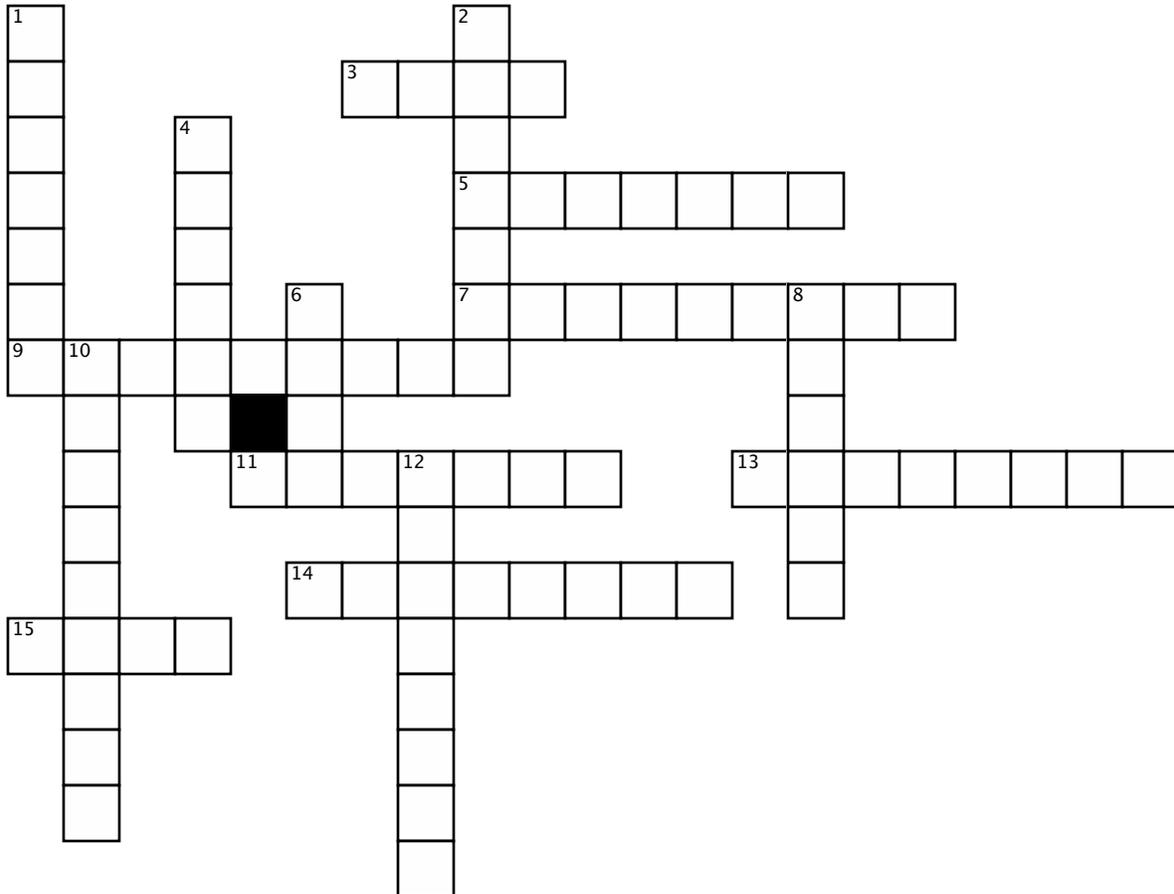
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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. "Who wants _____ grapes?" muttered the fox. Who wants grapes that are not sweet.
5. If one child _____ a disease, there is a chance that the other children and teacher can also get it.
7. State governments are trying to find new ways to _____ parents to have their children vaccinated. They want to urge them to do it.
9. The sanctions imposed on Iran have caused _____ of goods. There has been a lack of goods that are needed.
11. "Home is where we _____ the most and are treated the best." It's the place where we can complain in a quiet, unhappy manner.
13. The Philadelphia Archbishop says that people will welcome the pope _____. They will welcome him with happiness.
14. The woman in gold is a _____ of Adele Bloch-Bauer. It is a painting of a woman.
15. David did not know how to _____ a cow. He did not know how to draw milk from the cow's udder.

Down

1. In the agreement, Iran has agreed to stop its nuclear _____ program for more than 10 years. They will stop making nuclear arms.
2. The fox saw some beautiful _____ of grapes. The grapes were growing together in groups.
4. The Iran nuclear _____ is being considered by the U.S. Congress. They will vote to either support or reject the agreement.
6. Pope Francis has taken popular positions on creating _____ immigration policies; policies that are just and equitable.
8. Is there anything about your home that _____ you? Is there anything that causes you mild anger?
10. Pope Francis' visit to Cuba will _____ his role as a peace-broker between the USA and Cuba. It will emphasize his role.
12. If you own your own home, are you paying a _____? Do you have a long-term loan from the bank which helped you buy your home?