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Learning Activities

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

1. Donald Trump's running mate is _____. Hilary Clinton's choice for vice president is _____. (p. 1)
2. Yellowstone was the _____ national park. It was signed into law in _____. (p. 1)
3. At the Santa Clarita fire more than 20,000 people were _____. (p. 2, caption)
4. The first presidential debate will be held on _____, _____. (p. 2)
5. According to Shannon Swain, "Education is something that _____." (p. 3)
6. Pokémon Go is an _____ you can get on your cellphone. (p.4)
7. The Liberty Medal will be awarded to U.S. Rep. _____ on Sept. 19. (p. 6)
8. Michael Phelps had the honor of being the _____ at the opening ceremony. (p. 7)
9. For the first time a team of _____ will compete in the Olympics. (p. 7)
10. Now there are some 30,000 wild _____ in the U.S. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz - Use these words to fill in the blanks below:

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1. Pokémon Go has people _____.
2. They are a united family that wants to _____.
3. Juana told the woman that she could fire her _____ if she couldn't do the job.
4. Phelps said that he wants to _____ when he walks in the opening ceremony.

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Who will be our next vice president?" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Mike Pence has been the _____ of _____ since 2013.
2. Tim Kaine was elected to the U.S. _____ from the state of _____ in 2012.

B. From "What is Pokémon Go?" (page 4)

1. Pokémon is short for the original _____ title of _____.
2. This new game _____ all over the world very quickly.

C. From "Tie vote in Supreme Court blocks action for immigrant program" (page 5)

1. A tie vote in the Supreme Court _____ President Obama's program for immigrants from being implemented.
2. The program was called _____ for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents.

D. From "Refugees at the Olympics" (page 7)

1. Included in the team of refugees are two _____ swimmers.
2. There are also two athletes from the Democratic _____.

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

V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Oct. issue is Sept. 16. Tell us about a national park that you have visited. What is your favorite Olympic sport? We would also like to hear about your pets, your job, your life, your hometown, favorite books or movies, or any topic of general interest.

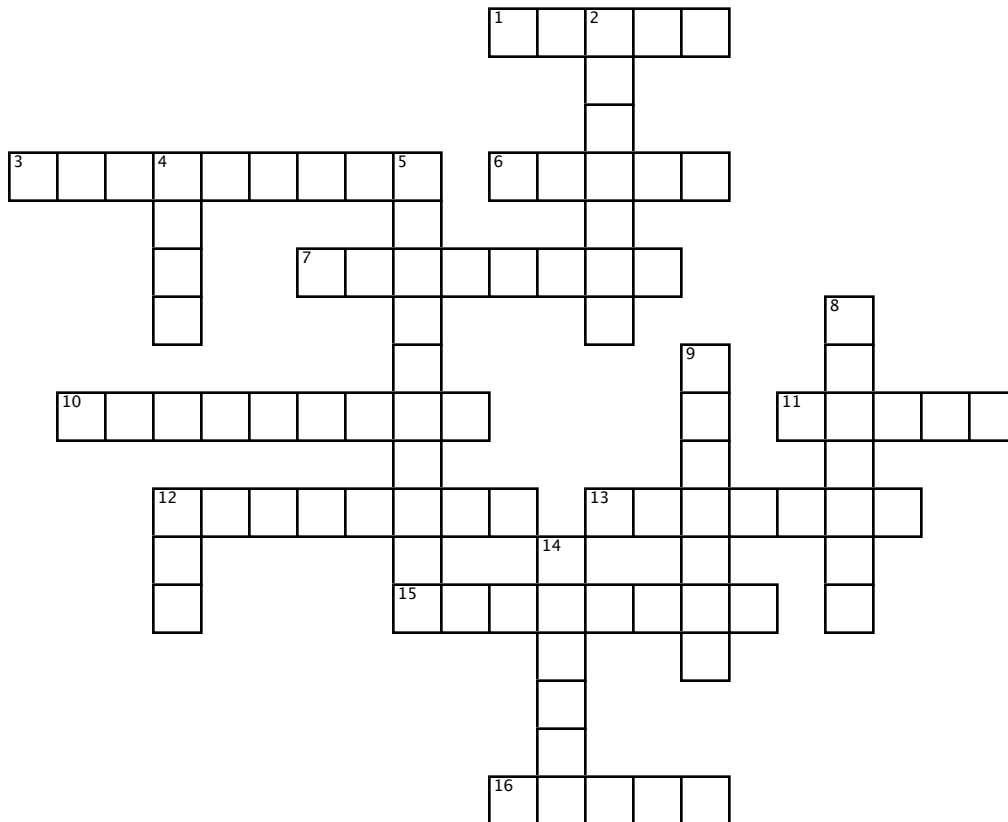
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: bragging, bug, childhood, current, dissolving, drown, gathered, gradually, inmates, load, mischief, parolee, sponges, sting, store, tease, threat

See our website www.easyenglishtimes.com for the Answer Key and a new vocabulary matching exercise.

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

1. Muhammad Ali said, "Float like a butterfly, _____ like a bee."
3. The period from birth to about age 13 is called _____.
6. To _____ is to make fun of someone or provoke the person in a playful way.
7. Her dog got into _____. He misbehaved and caused some trouble.
10. She _____ learns how to make sushi. She learns how to do it slowly, by degrees.
11. To die by breathing in water is to _____.
12. When a person toots his own horn, he is _____ about his abilities.
13. Pieces of cellulose used to take up liquid or for cleaning are _____.
15. A group of people _____ to play Pokémon Go. They came together.
16. How do you _____ your photos? Where do you keep them?

Down

2. Persons who are confined to institutions are called _____.
4. An amount of something that is carried or lifted is a _____.
5. The salt was _____ in the water. It was becoming incorporated into the liquid.
8. A flow of something such as water or electricity is called a _____.
9. A prisoner who has been released temporarily is a _____.
12. A small insect is sometimes called a _____.
14. The possibility of trouble is a _____.