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Learning Activities

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

1. People who are in the _____ of the eclipse will experience the _____ of a total eclipse. (p. 1)
2. President Trump awarded the _____ to Specialist Five James C. McCloughan. (p. 1)
3. What is the category of the projected fastest-growing occupation? _____ (p. 1)
4. Rex Tillerson has been the _____ of _____. (p. 2)
5. What should you do first if you want to meet a new dog? _____ (p. 3)
6. The new series about the Vietnam War will be broadcast on _____ starting _____. (p. 4)
7. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is sometimes referred to as "_____" (p. 4)
8. Princess Diana was married to _____, the heir to the _____. (p. 7)
9. Elvis Presley died at his home in _____, _____. His home is called _____. (p. 7)
10. Two important boxing matches are _____ vs. _____ and _____ vs. _____. (p. 7)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two and three-word phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. She is used to walking on sidewalks... | a. gathered or assembled socially |
| ___ 2. Whenever they got together , they argued... | b. alternated |
| ___ 3. They often follow celebrities as they go about their life routines... | c. accustomed to |
| ___ 4. We took turns fixing dinner. | d. begin or carry on work at (an activity) |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Solar eclipse visible in the USA on August 21" (pages 1 and 8)

1. Looking directly at the sun is _____. You can damage the _____ of your eye.
2. The sun has a diameter that is about _____ times larger than the _____.
3. And the sun is _____ times farther away than the _____.

B. From "City dog, country dog" (page 3)

1. When Claudia saw Marlee in an animal shelter ad it was "_____."
2. Chihuahuas are _____, _____ dogs and well _____ for city and apartment living.
3. Herding dogs are often difficult to keep in certain homes because of their high _____, intelligence and _____.

C. From "New series about the Vietnam War will be on TV in September" (page 4)

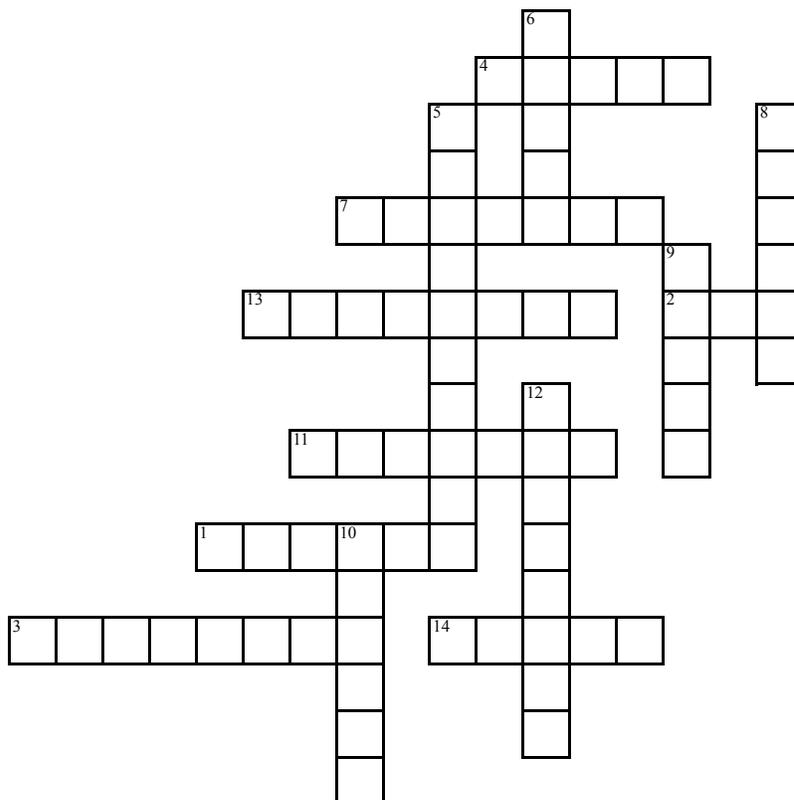
1. The series was directed by _____ and _____.
2. The series features _____ from nearly 80 _____.
3. There are also interviews with Vietnamese _____ and _____ from both the _____ and _____ sides.

IV. **Writing suggestions: The deadline for the October issue is Sept. 15.** Send us stories about your immigrant or refugee experience. Also send stories about your job, sports, movies, books, or any other topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: (All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.)
allies, approach, argued, aware, belly, crashed, nests, improvised, opposed, regard, relevant,
shipping, still, tie

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

Crossword - August/Sept. 2017



Across

1. General Mattis was held in high _____ throughout the Marine Corps. They liked and respected him.
2. Fifty senators voted for DeVos and fifty voted against her. It was a _____ vote.
3. He is in charge of _____. He takes care of sending the merchandise.
4. The underside of an animal or bird is its _____.
7. There is also testimony from people who _____ the Vietnam War. They were in disagreement with the war.
11. Princess Diana died in an automobile accident. The car she was riding in _____ into a wall.
13. When you want to meet a new dog, let the dog _____ you. Let the dog come near to you.
14. We were _____ of the problem. We knew about the situation.

Down

5. The comedian performed spontaneously and without preparation. He _____.
6. Structures or places made or chosen by birds for laying eggs and sheltering their young are _____.
8. Groups of nations taking military action together are called _____.
9. When you are not moving or making a sound, you are _____.
10. The family members sometimes _____ about politics. They expressed opposite views in an angry way.
12. When something is closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered, it is _____.