

# Easy English Times

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## February 2013 Learning Activities

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

1. Presidents' Day is celebrated on the \_\_\_\_\_ Monday of February. (p. 1)
2. During which war did President Lincoln issue the Emancipation Proclamation? (p. 1)
3. The Washington National Cathedral is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest cathedral in the world. (p. 1)
4. Where was Barry Dodds born? (p. 2)
5. What do ice hockey skaters use to shoot the puck into their opponents net? (p. 3)
6. What is the name of George Washington's home? (p. 5)
7. What was the site of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865? (p. 5)
8. When will the 85<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards ceremony be held? (p. 6)
9. Dr. Carter G. Woodson was born to parents who were former \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
10. Mardi Gras is always held on the Tuesday before \_\_\_\_\_ . (p. 7)

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

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| ____ 1. The Mardi Gras color purple <b>stands for</b> justice. | a. things that are the same |
| ____ 2. What do you have <b>in common</b> with your friends?   | b. write, phone or visit    |
| ____ 3. How do you keep <b>in touch</b> with your friends?     | c. represents               |

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

#### A. From "The Emancipation Proclamation and *President Lincoln*" (pages 1 and 5)

1. The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment ended \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the nation.
2. Lincoln was the \_\_\_\_\_ president of the United States. He was elected in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. From "The National Cathedral" (pages 1 and 5)

1. The Washington National Cathedral welcomes people of all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It was built in the \_\_\_\_\_ style with great \_\_\_\_\_, large windows and flying buttresses.

#### C. From "Mardi Gras" (page 7)

1. The first Mardi Gras parade was held in \_\_\_\_\_ on February 24, 1857.
2. The Mardi Gras colors are purple, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. From "Chinese New Year" (page 7)

1. The first day of the Chinese New Year falls on \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
2. It is the year of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Writing Suggestions:

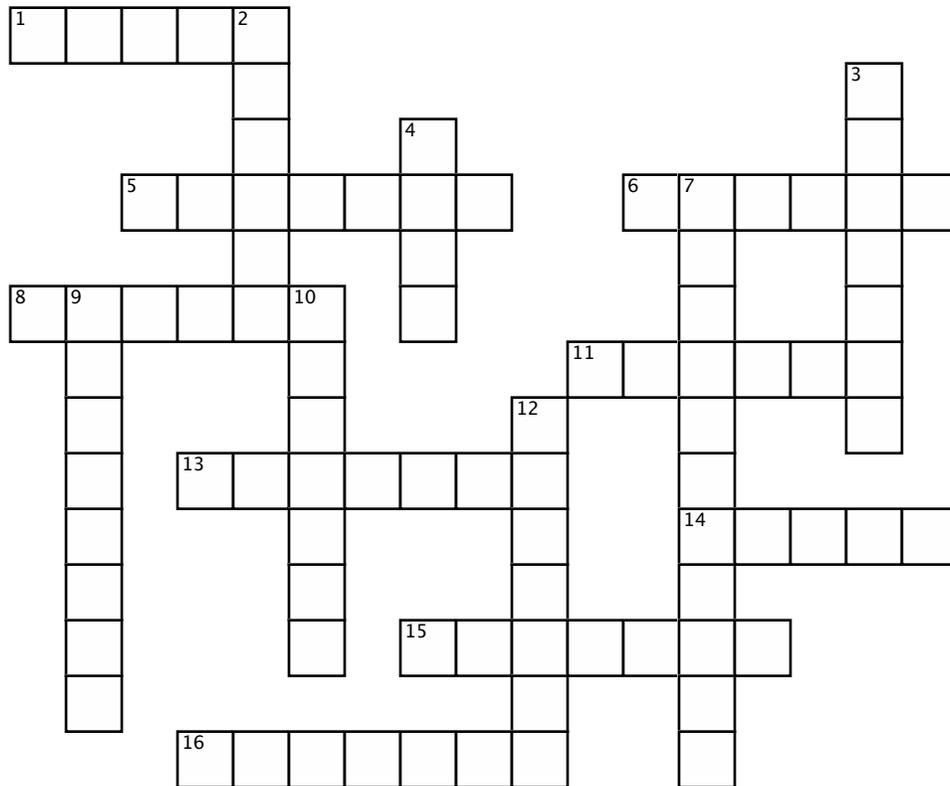
**The deadline for the next issue is February 15.** March is Women's History month. Send us stories about women who are important to you. If you became a U.S. citizen, how was your experience? Why is citizenship important to you? Write about a city that you know or would like to know. Also send stories about your lives, your pets, your jobs, your special talents etc.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** arenas, boxer, bragged, chapels, delayed, growled, injuries, Lent, minors, recruitment, repair, sniffed, stained, thrill, trust, whisper

# Easy English Times Crossword

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All words are from  
VOCABULARY HELP



## Across

1. Muhammed Ali was a famous \_\_\_\_\_. He was a prizefighter.
5. When the boy hit a home run, his father \_\_\_\_\_, "That's my son!" His father boasted about his son.
6. Professional sports such as ice hockey and basketball are usually played in \_\_\_\_\_. These are large buildings where the games are played and people can watch.
8. In the USA, persons under the age of 18 are considered to be \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Barry Dodds said that voting for the first time was a real \_\_\_\_\_. It gave him a feeling of great excitement.
13. He thought he saw the bear \_\_\_\_\_ something in the man's ear. He thought the bear said something to him very quietly.
14. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your friends. Believe that they are honest and that they will not deliberately do anything to harm you.
15. The flight was \_\_\_\_\_. It arrived an hour late. There was a problem that caused it to be slow or stop for a time.
16. The bear \_\_\_\_\_ at the man. It smelled him.

## Down

2. Emerson said that it is good to keep your friendships in \_\_\_\_\_. Keep them fixed.
3. The cathedral also has many \_\_\_\_\_. These are separate areas which have their own altars and are intended for private prayer.
4. The forty days before Easter is called \_\_\_\_\_. For some people it is a period of prayer, penance, fasting and self-denial.
7. The Emancipation Proclamation authorized the \_\_\_\_\_ of African Americans to be Union soldiers in the Civil War. They could join the army.
9. In the traffic accident, fortunately there were no \_\_\_\_\_. There was no damage to the bodies of the people who were in the accident.
10. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ glass windows in the Washington National Cathedral. The glass has been colored so that it can be used to make pictures.
12. The bear \_\_\_\_\_ and ran after the travelers. The bear made a low noise in its throat.