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Learning Activities

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

1. When is the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics? _____ (p. 1)
2. How old is Suke Haan Yu Cheng? _____ (p. 1)
3. What were the Beatles often called? " _____ " (p. 1)
4. The unusual weather has brought record _____ to parts of the nation. (p. 2)
5. Frederick Douglass has been called the father of the _____. (p. 4)
6. "The Butler" is a film about a man who worked in the White House under ____ American Presidents. (p. 4)
7. George Washington's actual birthday is _____ and Abraham Lincoln's birthday is _____. (p. 4)
8. The Olympic sport called 'luge' takes its name from the _____. (p. 7)
9. One of the youngest members of the U.S. Olympic team is _____ Polina Edmunds. (p. 7)
10. The Oscars are given in _____ categories. (p. 8)

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

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| ____ 1. Her mother won't let her down . | a. unable to hear or speak |
| ____ 2. He breaks into a pastry shop. | b. disappoint her |
| ____ 3. He was a deaf mute . | c. enters by force |
| ____ 4. The open doors let in the sunlight. | d. was able to do it |
| ____ 5. He finally got the hang of it. | e. allowed to enter |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Winter Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia" (pages 1 and 7)

1. The Olympic torch relay will have passed through _____ Russian cities before arriving in Sochi.
2. People are concerned about _____ at the Olympics. They are worried about _____.

B. From "50th anniversary of The Beatles" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Many of the Beatles' songs were about _____.
2. The two Beatles who are still alive are _____ and _____.

C. From "Winter weather" (page 2)

1. Scientists say that a _____ caused the subzero temperatures and record snowfalls.
2. The _____ is bringing hardship to farmers.

D. From "The farmers re-educate me" (page 5)

1. Amy Wang had grown up in the two big cities of _____ and _____.
2. It was the summer of 1970 when the government _____ Amy to go to the countryside.

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

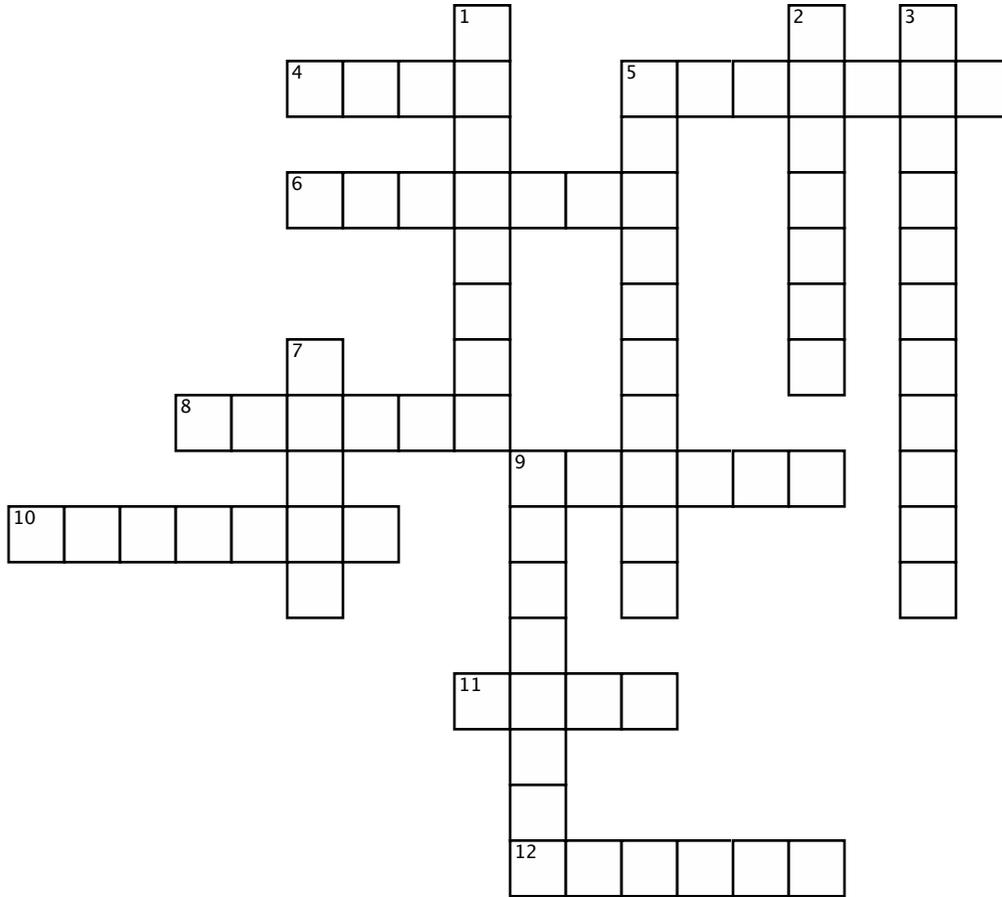
V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the March issue is February 18. March is Women's History month. Send us stories about women that you admire. Tell us if the extreme weather this winter has impacted you. Do you have a favorite Beatle? Also send stories about places in the U.S. -- where you live now or where you would like to visit. And send stories about your lives, your pets, your jobs, your special talents etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: bothered, bricks, buckets, crawled, degree, disturbing, drought, enrolls, faded, involved, stared, threatening, torn, well

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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

4. A Persian proverb says, "When it's _____, it can't be worn." It means, you can't wear something if it is pulled apart or ripped.
5. A time of little or no rainfall is called a _____.
6. Their son registers or signs up for classes. He _____.
8. When Amy entered her new home, the children _____ at her. They looked at her steadily with wide-opened eyes.
9. Blocks of hard clay are called _____.
10. Under the hot sun they _____ into the thick corn fields. They moved slowly and close to the ground.
11. They didn't have running water. They got their water from a _____, a hole made in the ground for water.
12. She got a _____ in elementary education. She got a certificate of achievement from college.

Down

1. He became _____ in the Civil Rights movement. He participated in it.
2. To bring water to the house, she had to carry it in two _____ across her shoulders.
3. The poor snowpack is _____ regions which are dependent on melting snow to fill rivers for water. It is bringing danger to those regions.
5. The film is rated PG-13 because of some violence and _____ images. The images are upsetting.
7. The girls wore _____ clothes. Their clothes were not their original color. They were lighter.
9. The rats _____ her at night. They annoyed and troubled her.