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February 2015 Learning Activities

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

1. Two famous landmarks in Yosemite National Park are _____ and _____. (p. 1)
2. African American History Month is celebrated the entire month of _____. (p. 1)
3. Which four American presidents are honored on Mount Rushmore? _____, _____, _____, and _____. (p. 1)
4. The measles outbreak goes back to _____. (p. 2)
5. What is the recommended amount of screen time for elementary students? _____. (p. 2)
6. The national holiday honoring Presidents Washington and Lincoln will be celebrated on _____. (p. 3)
7. In the Aesop Fable, the grasshopper learned that it is best to _____. (p. 3)
8. Marilyn Burnam is a baseball _____. She works for the San Francisco Giants as an _____. (p. 5)
9. Sukhwinder Duhra _____ the taxi cab that he drives. He pays to use the cab. (p. 5)
10. According to the Chinese zodiac animals, 2015 is the year of the _____.

II. More careful reading--find these answers

A. From "Yosemite rock climbers are successful" (pages 1 and 2)

1. The Dawn Wall is described as the _____ and _____ way to climb El Capitan.
2. Caldwell and Jorgeson spent years _____ and _____ for this climb.
3. It took them _____ days to reach the top of El Capitan.
4. They often climbed _____ when the rock was cold and they had better _____ for their feet.

B. From "Celebrate Chinese New Year" (page 7)

1. People born in the year of the goat are said to have personalities that are _____, _____, _____, and _____. (Choose four adjectives from the story.)
2. The lucky colors for this year are _____, _____ and _____.

C. From "Mardi Gras is Feb. 17" (page 7)

1. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of _____.
2. The Mardi Gras colors are _____, _____, and _____.

III. Choose one of the Heart Idioms on page 3. Write a sentence in English using the idiom.

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

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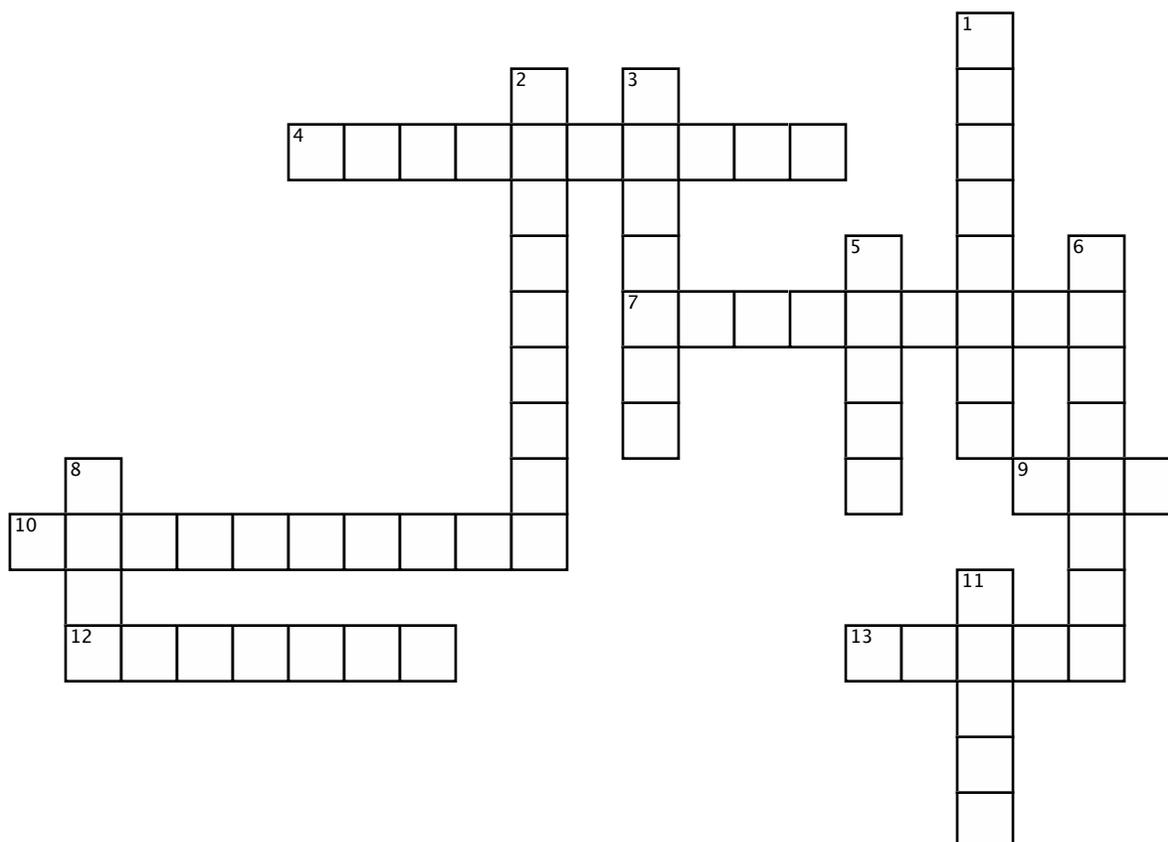
V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the March 2015 issue is February 19. March is National Women's History Month. Send stories about famous women in history that you admire. Also send stories about a situation where you didn't give up. Or stories about a favorite place, your hidden talent, your hobbies, your home country or hometown or any other topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: avoid, bargains, cliff, coins, customers, deliveries, exhausting, impulsive, lie, mess, realized, spilled, stamina,

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from
Vocabulary Help



Across

4. The climb was physically difficult and _____. The climbers felt complete tiredness and fatigue.
7. Are you an _____ shopper or do you shop with a list? Do you do things without thinking about them carefully first?
9. When he hears his boss _____ to his wife on the phone, it gets his goat. It irritates and angers him to hear his boss make statements that are not true.
10. He made free home _____ for his older customers. He took their groceries to their homes.
12. There were cartons of milk _____ on the floor. The liquid fell from its containers.
13. People who have not been immunized should _____ visiting Disneyland and other crowded places. They should stay away from those places.

Down

1. Do you like to go shopping for _____? Do you like to find things that are good value because they are being sold at a lower price?
2. John was always friendly with his _____. He was friendly with the people who bought things at his store.
3. It took immense strength and _____ to climb the Dawn Wall. It took the ability to work or exercise for long periods of time.
5. El Capitan is a smooth granite _____. It is a high rock formation with a steep drop.
6. For Jorgeson, dreams are _____, not conquered. Dreams are accomplished, gained.
8. When someone smashed the front window, the inside of the store was a big _____. It was in a state of disorder. It was full of clutter.
11. Do you know anybody who collects _____ as a hobby? Do they collect small pieces of metal that are used as money?