

# Easy English Times

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## January 2013 Learning Activities

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

1. Who needs to confirm John Kerry as the new Secretary of State? (p. 1)
2. Who was Martin Luther King Jr.? (p. 1)
3. Where will the Presidential Inauguration be held? (p. 1)
4. There are more tigers born in \_\_\_\_\_ than in the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
5. If you want a feline in your life, \_\_\_\_\_ ones like Tomcat. (p. 4)
6. What does D.C. stand for in the name of our nation's capital? (p. 5)
7. About how many miles is the walk from the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela? (p. 7)
8. According to legend, whose body ended up in Santiago de Compostela? (p. 7)
9. Assault weapons include the ability to fire a large number of bullets \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 8)
10. This year the Super Bowl football game will take place on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 8)

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

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|---|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. She <b>carries out</b> the president's foreign policies. | a. disappoint you              |
| ___ 2. Cities can be <b>fast-paced</b> places.                  | b. does what has been planned  |
| ___ 3. I'm sorry to <b>let you down</b> , but...                | c. have a quick speed or tempo |

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

#### A. From "Sen. John Kerry nominated to be Secretary of State" (pages 1 and 5)

1. How many countries has Hillary Clinton visited during her term as Secretary of State?
2. Obama said that Kerry is a perfect choice to guide American \_\_\_\_\_ in the years ahead.

#### B. From "A tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." (pages 1 and 2)

1. When and where was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. born?
2. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. From "President Obama to be sworn in for second term" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Who is expected to administer the oath to the president and vice-president?
2. What Bible did Obama put his hand on at the inauguration in 2009?

#### D. From "American the Beautiful, Washington D.C. is a beautiful city" (page 5)

1. Which states donated land to form the federal District?
2. On what street is the White House located?

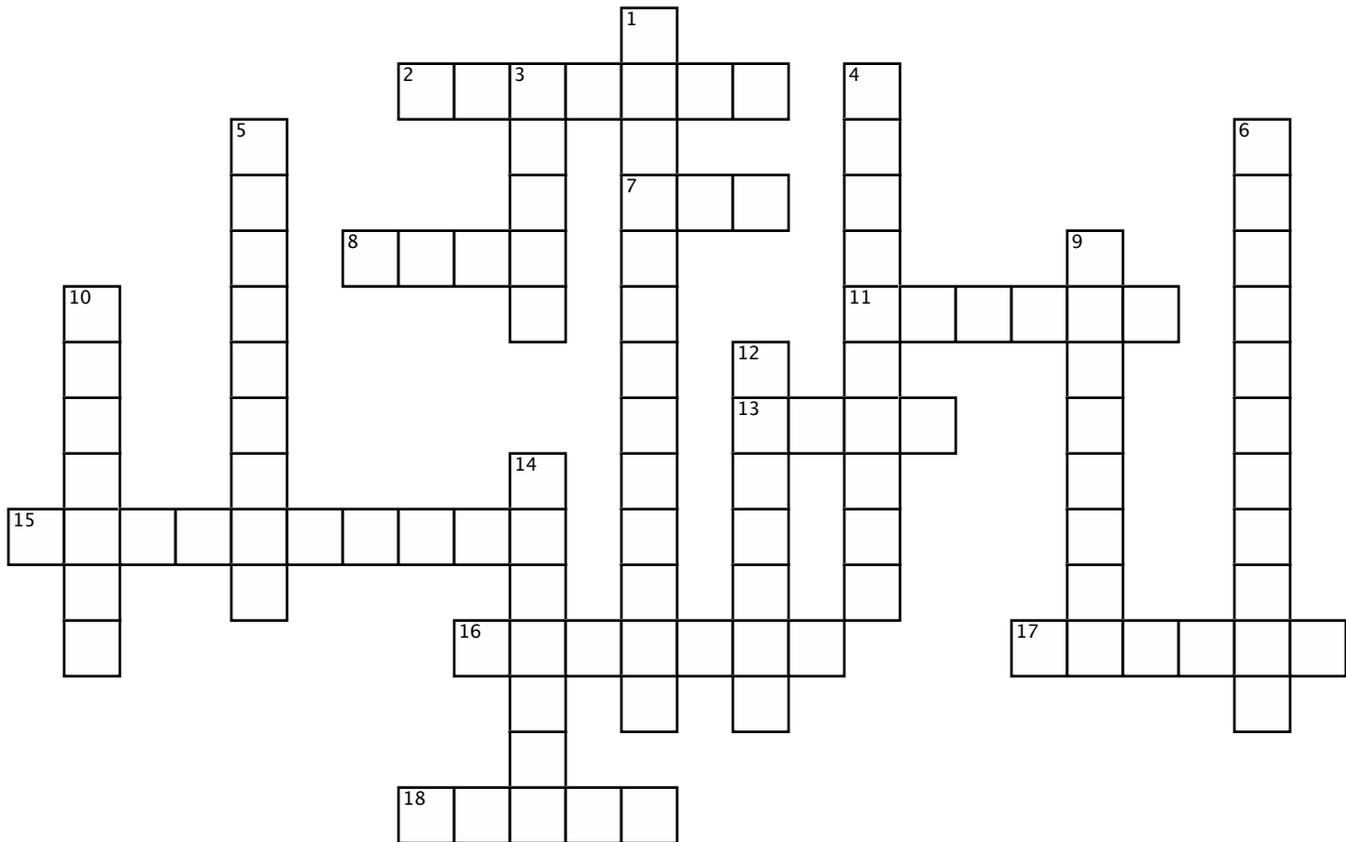
### III. Writing Suggestions:

**The deadline for the next issue is January 18.** We celebrate love and friendship in February. Send us stories about your first love or how you know that you are in love. What winter sports do you enjoy? 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:** abusive blended cages cannon crowd commuters festivities healing heartbreaking lonesome meow pilgrimage praised relies roam rub skyscraper succeed

# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle January 2013

All words are from  
VOCABULARY HELP



## Across

2. Senator John Kerry has been nominated to come after Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. He will \_\_\_\_\_ her.
7. The domesticated cat likes to touch your leg and move backwards and forwards. He likes to \_\_\_\_\_ up against you.
8. In English a cat says \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ in the park in your town or city? Is there a large gun that is mounted or attached to wheels?
13. The animals at the sanctuary have a good life with land to \_\_\_\_\_ on. They can go freely over a large area.
15. Have you ever made a \_\_\_\_\_? Have you ever walked to a place that was considered holy to your religion or that was very important to you?
16. Sen. Kerry and his wife have a \_\_\_\_\_ family. They have combined the children each had from a previous marriage into one family.
17. The private animal sanctuary depends on and counts on donations and sponsors. It \_\_\_\_\_ on people to help them pay their expenses.
18. Even in a sanctuary, it is necessary sometimes keep the wild animals in \_\_\_\_\_. They have to be in areas enclosed with metal bars to keep them from escaping.

## Down

1. The tragedy in Connecticut was emotionally hurting and devastating. It was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous speech to a \_\_\_\_\_ estimated at 250,000. He spoke to a large group of people.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very tall building.
5. The people who travel to and from their work or school regularly are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There will be a week of \_\_\_\_\_ when Obama is inaugurated. There will be joyful celebrations such as balls, galas and a parade.
9. Thoreau said that city life is millions of people feeling sad and in the need of a friend. The city people are \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The woman was running away from her husband because he behaved in a cruel and violent way toward her. He was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. President Obama expressed admiration and respect for Kerry. He \_\_\_\_\_ him.
14. The MLK holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and \_\_\_\_\_ to America. King helped this nation become healthy in the area of civil rights.