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January 2016 Learning Activities

I. A quick look at the contents -- find the answers to these questions.

1. The Statue of Liberty was a gift of friendship from the people of _____. (p. 1)
2. State of the Union messages to _____ are mandated by the Constitution. (p. 1)
3. Following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the United States entered _____. (p. 1)
4. "Face with Tears of Joy" is an example of an _____. (p. 2)
5. The instruments of the Landfill Harmonic orchestra are made from _____. (p. 2)
6. Angel Island was modeled after the Ellis Island _____ in New York. (p. 4)
7. New Hampshire voters will say who they think should run for _____ in the general election. (p. 5)
8. At the Iowa caucuses, voters will meet at _____ in each of Iowa's 1,682 precincts. (p. 5)
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a _____ that was initiated by Rosa Parks. (p. 6)
10. Some people may have mild to severe depression during the _____. (p. 7)

II. Exercise based on phrases found in VOCABULARY HELP: Find the meanings of these phrases. Optional: Write original sentences using the phrases. Show them to your teacher.

1. have something in common _____ (p. 2)
2. drop out _____ (p. 5)
3. can't make it _____ (p. 5)
4. figure out _____ (p. 8)
5. over and over _____ (p. 8)
6. drop someone off _____ (p. 8)

III. More careful reading -- find the answers to these questions.

A. From "The Statue of Liberty" (pages 1 and 4)

1. The Statue of Liberty is on _____, located a mile south of lower Manhattan.
2. Today the Statue of Liberty shines brighter than ever because of a new _____.

B. From "Pilgrimage held to remember Manzanar War Relocation Center" (pages 1 and 4)

1. Supporters of Executive Order 9066 ignored the fact that 70,000 of the 120,000 people sent to relocation camps were _____.
2. Manzanar was one of _____ relocation centers. It is located east of the _____ Mountains in California.

C. From "Landfill Harmonic" (page 2)

1. The landfill or dump of this story is located in Caetura, _____.
2. The film about the orchestra is now being shown in major _____ worldwide.

D. From "New Hampshire holds 'first-in-the-nation' primary election on Feb. 9" (page 5)

1. The candidates who win in New Hampshire often become the favorites to win the _____ for their parties.
2. In New Hampshire, the way to win there is get out to meet people _____.

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

Writing suggestions: The deadline for the February, 2016 issue is January 15. Suggested topics for stories for February include love and friendship, black history month or the importance of reading. You can also write about coming to the U.S, your families, hobbies, jobs, pets, hometowns, countries, etc.

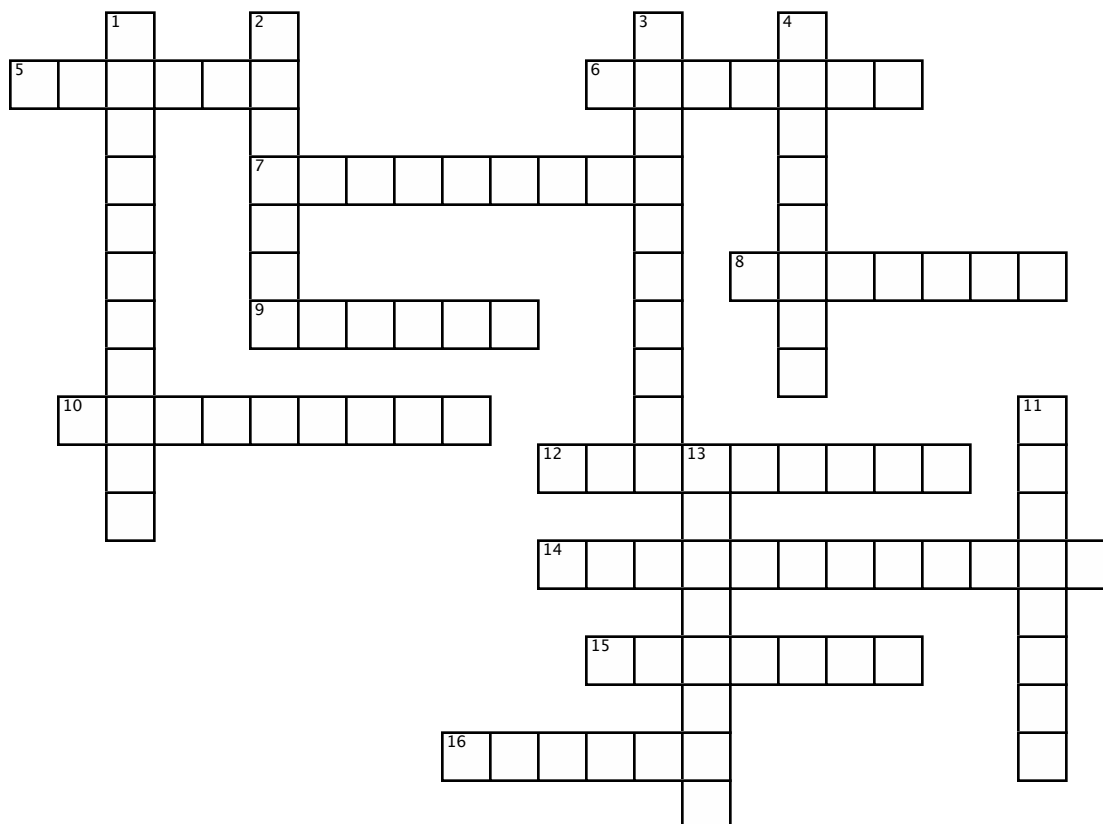
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: caring, cravings, crowded, deafening, disappointed, discarded, gathered, hibernating, lonesome, pilgrimage, precincts, privacy, trades, unique, village, verdict

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

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

5. The instruments for the landfill harmonic orchestra are one of a kind; they are _____.
6. Dixville Notch is a tiny _____ in New Hampshire. It is a settlement that is smaller than a town or city.
7. The noise from the speakers is _____. It causes an inability to hear.
8. Are the sidewalks more _____ in your hometown than they are here? Are they full of people?
9. Almost everyone takes part in buying and selling. Everyone _____.
10. He made keys for the horns from _____ coins and bottle caps. He made them from things that had been thrown away.
12. Small electoral districts of a city or town are called _____.
14. She tried to sound cheerful, but she was very _____. She was unhappy because something hoped for did not happen.
15. There was very little _____ in the barracks. The people there could not get away from the unwanted presence of others.
16. A _____ person is affectionate, helpful and sympathetic.

Down

1. The groundhog has been _____ in a hole in the ground. He has been sleeping for a long period of time.
2. The film won the competition. The _____ was unanimous. Everyone agreed on the judgment.
3. A _____ is a trip taken by pilgrims, people who travel a long way to visit a holy place.
4. By midnight, all of the voters had already _____ in the polling place. They had already come together.
11. Thoreau's definition of city life is "Millions of people being _____ together." He thinks that many city people are sad and in need of a friend.
13. In the winter, do you have _____ for sweet and starchys foods? Do you have uncontrollable desires for those kinds of foods?