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Learning Activities

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

1. Donald Trump called his selection as 'Person of the Year' a "_____." (p. 1)
2. On almost all the top news lists, the _____ is the top story of 2016. (p. 1)
3. From 1962 through 1974 Freedom Tower was the _____. (p. 2)
4. Mark Twain was the _____ of Samuel Langhorne Clemens. (p. 3)
5. The Oval Office is located in the _____ of the White House complex. (p. 4)
6. Janet Reno was the first woman to serve as _____ of the United States. (p. 4)
7. John Glenn was the first American to _____ in 1962. (p. 4)
8. Martin Luther King has been called the 20th century's most influential _____ (p. 4)
9. Following the election of Donald Trump, there were _____ around the country. (p. 5)
10. Medical insurance can prevent an illness or injury from turning into a financial _____. (p. 7)

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

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| _____ 1. The theme is "A Day on, Not a Day off" | a. continue |
| _____ 2. Castro's popularity was short-lived . | b. failed to reach a goal |
| _____ 3. Go and see how the weavers are coming along . | c. a day's vacation |
| _____ 4. The procession must go on . | d. lasted a short time |
| _____ 5. The hockey team came up short . | e. progressing |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Our Community English Club the day after the Pulse Club tragedy" (pages 1 and 5)

1. We dedicated our entire time to _____ to our students after the tragic attack.
2. Our classes provide an environment where our students know they are _____ and _____.

B. From "Miami's Freedom Tower is National Historic Landmark" (page 2)

1. The Freedom Tower is home to the _____ Museum.
2. The Freedom Tower was known to Cuban refugees as "_____."

C. From "New Year's resolutions" (page 6)

1. A New Year's resolution is a _____ you set to improve something about yourself.
2. _____ is the most common New Year's resolution.

D. From "The emperor's new clothes" (page 8)

1. The two dishonest men said they knew how to _____ very beautiful _____.
2. The men put up two looms and _____ to weave.

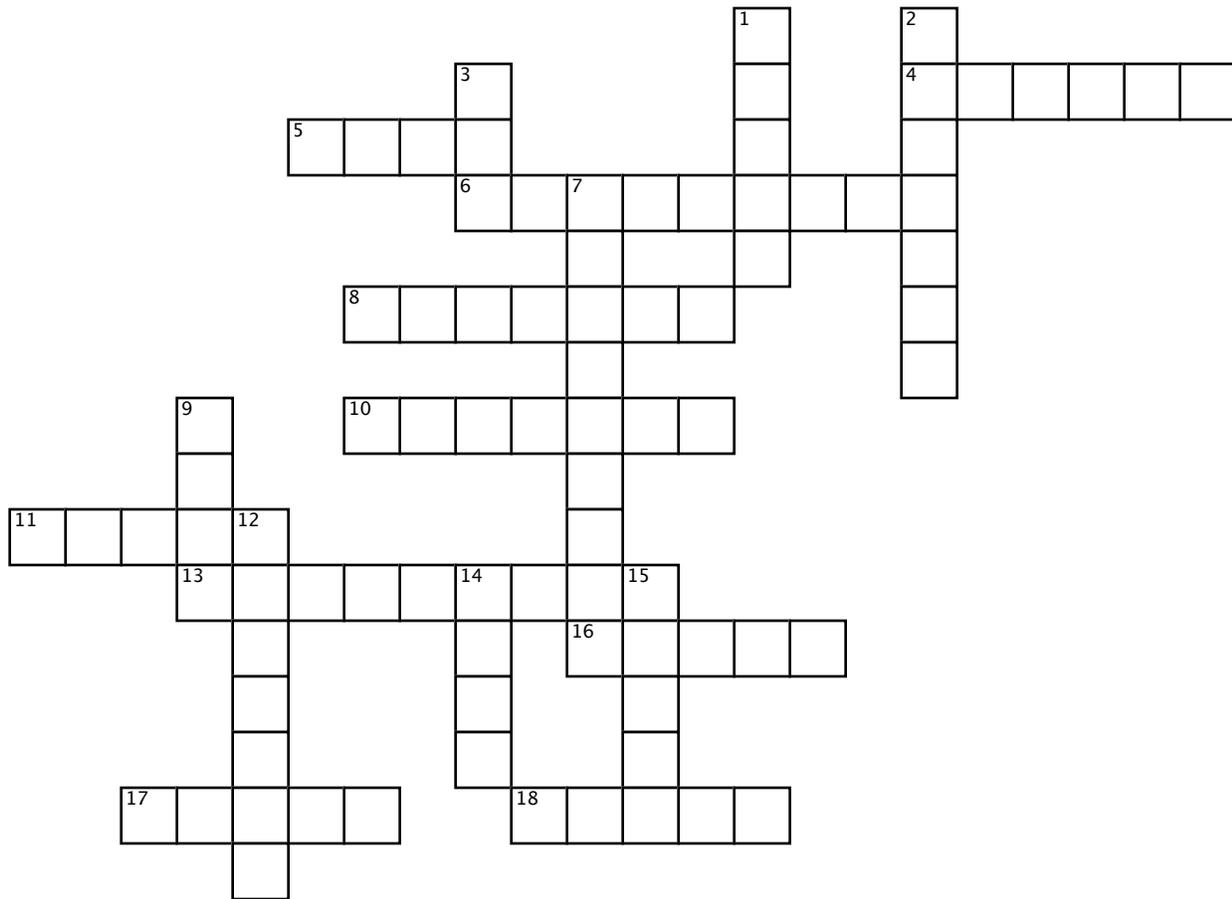
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the February issue is Jan. 17. The theme for February is love and friendship. How did you meet your sweetheart? You can also tell us about your favorite author, winter activities, your job, your life, favorite sports, favorite movies, or any topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: concern, cover, dare, deals, delighted, depth, energetic, exhausted, failure, fee, fled, hack, outfit, restful, study, toughen, upset, wages

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

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

4. The emperor had a different _____ for every hour of the day. He had many sets of clothing.
5. The officials did not _____ to say anything to the emperor. They did not have enough courage to tell him he was naked.
6. She is an _____ person. She has a lot of energy and vitality.
8. To make or become tougher or physically stronger is to _____.
10. If you fail at doing a particular activity, it doesn't mean that you are a _____.
11. What does your car insurance _____? What does it protect against?
13. The dishonest men were _____ to be able to deceive the minister. They were very happy and pleased.
16. When measuring water, the distance from the top of the surface to the bottom is its _____.
17. There is a private _____ next to the Oval Office in the White House. It is a room used for reading and writing.
18. A 'thin skinned' person gets _____ at the slightest correction. He or she feels unhappy, disappointed, or worried.

Down

1. Employees work for _____, fixed regular payments.
2. Some people are expressing _____ that the Electoral College is an outdated concept. They feel worry or anxiety.
3. Money paid as part of a special transaction is a _____.
7. When you are very tired, you are _____.
9. Many Cubans _____ to Miami. They ran away from their country.
12. It's important to get enough _____ sleep. We need sleep that is quiet and calming.
14. The use of a computer to gain unauthorized access to data in a system is called a _____.
15. Writer Chuck Bingaman tells buyers to negotiate for the best _____. He tells them to try to get attractive prices or bargains.