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Learning Activities

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

1. The Statue of Liberty was a gift of _____ from the people of _____ to the U.S. in _____. (p. 1)
2. As of Dec. 10, at least 52 _____ had been murdered in _____. (p. 1)
3. The death of George H.W. Bush was announced by his _____, former President _____ . (p. 1)
4. People _____ the word ' _____ ' more than any other word last year. (p. 2)
5. President Trump signed a sweeping criminal justice reform _____ recently. (p. 2)
6. Bussers _____ tables and take the dirty dishes to the dishwasher. They also _____ tables. (p. 3)
7. The Big Mac is probably the world's _____ famous _____. (p. 3)
8. Special Olympics had its _____ celebration in Chicago last summer. (p. 3)
9. The government partial _____ and Trump's insistence on _____ the border wall were in the news. (p. 4)
10. The Parkland shooting was the _____ news _____ of 2018. (p. 4)
11. Democrats also _____ several governorships around the country. (p. 4)
12. The Camp Fire was the _____ U.S. wildfire in a century. (p. 5)
13. On Dec. 22 a tsunami hit the islands of _____ and _____ with great force. (p. 6)
14. Alaina Housley was one of 12 people who died in the _____ mass shooting. (p. 6)
15. "Selma" is often shown during the _____ celebration in January. (p. 7)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two or three-word phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. Which news story stands out for you? | a. can't come |
| ___ 2. I just can't make it . | b. acted in support of |
| ___ 3. They stood up for Civil Rights. | c. to get away quickly, to escape |
| ___ 4. A hero is a man who is afraid to run away . | d. is more significant than something else |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "New Statue of Liberty Museum will open in 2019" (page 1)

1. Lady Liberty holds a _____ in her raised hand. It symbolizes _____.
2. The museum is near the statue, also on _____ in New York _____.

B. From "Nation and world paid tribute to President George H.W. Bush" (pages 1 & 4)

1. President Bush signed the Americans with _____ Act in 1990. It is a law prohibiting _____ of those with physical and intellectual disabilities.
2. Bush was honored with several awards for acts of _____ during his military career.

C. From "DVD review: Selma" (page 7)

1. The first few minutes of the film are intense and _____.
2. The FBI's use of _____ and _____ of Dr. King is revealed.

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Feb. 2019 issue is Jan. 18 Send stories about your heroes and heroines, special friends for Valentine's Day, favorite winter sports, favorite movies, books, your job, etc.

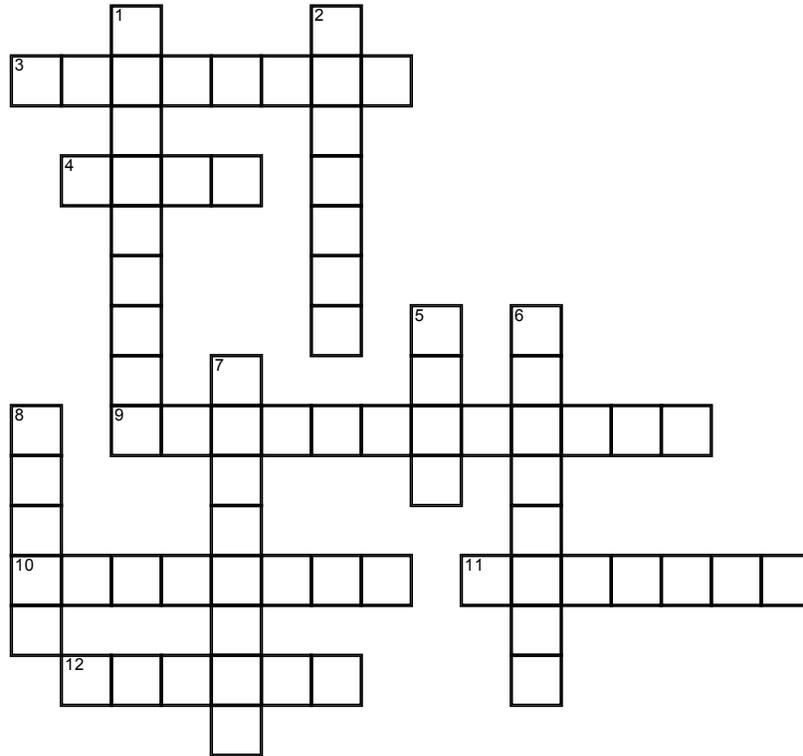
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: cheerful, disappointed, escorted, grabbed, mood, neglected, outrage, powerful, slim, swept, threat, wondered

See our website for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

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January 2019 Puzzle

All words are from Vocabulary help



Across

- 3 You are _____ when you are noticeably happy and optimistic.
- 4 She is very _____. She is gracefully thin.
- 9 You are _____ when something hoped for or expected did not happen.
- 10 You are _____ when you have great power or strength.
- 11 She _____ her son in one hand. She took hold of him suddenly.
- 12 Something that is likely to cause damage or danger is a _____.

Down

- 1 The children were _____. They suffered from a lack of proper care.
- 2 An extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation is _____.
- 5 A temporary state of mind or feeling is a _____.
- 6 Have you ever been curious to know something? Have you _____?
- 7 The motorcade _____ her body home. They accompanied it.
- 8 The Camp Fire _____ through the city. It moved with great force.