

# Easy English Times

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### Learning Activities

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ men and \_\_\_\_\_ women have been selected to be NASA's newest astronaut trainees. (p. 1)
2. The royal baby could someday be the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of England. (p. 1)
3. Nelson Mandela is the former president of \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
4. Teenage child abuse is very difficult \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 2)
5. What is Camp David? (p. 2) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name two jobs that German Shepherd dogs are used for. (p. 3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Jersey Shore refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ coast of the state of New Jersey and the adjacent resort and residential \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
8. President John F. Kennedy focused NASA and the nation on sending astronauts to the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)
9. The "Space Race" was a "competition" between the Soviet Union and the U.S. related to \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)
10. How many aerospace companies are located in Florida? (p. 5) \_\_\_\_\_
11. The term "astronaut" derives from the Greek words meaning \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 6)
12. Name the first American woman in space. (p. 6) \_\_\_\_\_ And the first Russian woman. \_\_\_\_\_
13. A study found that wearing high heels could lead to permanent damage of the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 8)

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

##### A. From "NASA announces eight new astronauts" (pages 1 and 6)

1. How many applications did NASA receive from people wanting to become astronauts? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The new space explorers are ready to help lead the first human mission to an \_\_\_\_\_ and then on to \_\_\_\_\_.

##### B. From "Royal baby is due in July" (page 1)

1. Who are the royal baby's parents? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where does Prince William work? \_\_\_\_\_ What work does he do? \_\_\_\_\_

##### C. From "Make every day a Mandela Day" (pages 1 and 2)

1. On Mandela Day people are asked to work for good by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mandela resisted \_\_\_\_\_ in South Africa and helped to end apartheid\*.

(\*Apartheid was a political system in South Africa from 1948 to the early 1990s that separated the different peoples living there and gave particular privileges to those of European origin.)

##### D. From "Camp David" (page 2)

1. Camp David has offered presidents an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as well as an ideal place to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. President Eisenhower renamed the residence in honor of his \_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. What is your favorite photograph in the July issue of Easy English Times? Why?

#### IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the August/September issue is July 26.

Follow up with some of the stories in this issue by writing about dogs, jobs, or summer recreation. Other topics include favorite sports, films, or books; your life, your town, city or country; your hobbies, etc.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** bold, boundaries, breed, broth, characters, couch, due, entertain, gender, junk, letterhead, likely, mankind, perform, resorts

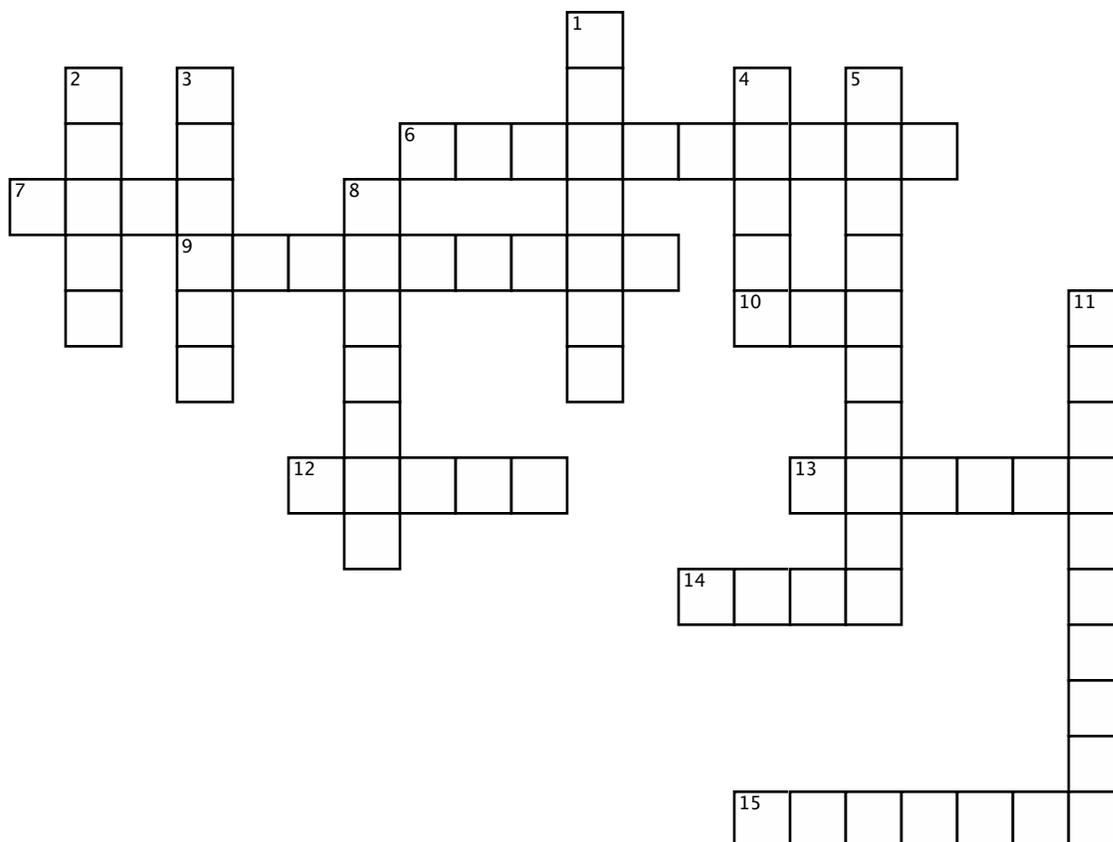
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# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

6. The astronauts will help NASA push the \_\_\_\_\_ of exploration and travel to new destinations. They will go beyond the limits of space travel.
7. There was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ at the garage sale. There were a lot of items that were no longer valuable or useful to their owners.
9. Oprah Winfrey said that she wants to use television not only to \_\_\_\_\_ people, but to help people lead better lives. She wants to do more than provide enjoyment.
10. The baby is \_\_\_\_\_ in July. He or she is expected in July.
12. The doctor said the patient could eat some clear soup, so I gave her some \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Did you find out the \_\_\_\_\_ of your baby before he or she was born? Did you find out if it was a boy or a girl?
14. The astronauts are courageous. They are willing to take risks. They are \_\_\_\_\_ people.
15. Are there any \_\_\_\_\_ in your town? Are there any hotels that have recreation facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, spas, etc?

### Down

1. Neil Armstrong said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for \_\_\_\_\_." It was a great step for humanity, for all people.
2. Do you sit on a \_\_\_\_\_ when you watch TV? Do you sit on a piece of furniture that seats more than one person?
3. What time of the day or night are you most \_\_\_\_\_ to watch TV? What is your probable time for watching TV?
4. German Shepherds are a relatively new \_\_\_\_\_ of dog. This specific type of dog started in 1899.
5. The teacher used school \_\_\_\_\_ to write a letter of recommendation. She used writing paper with the name and address of the school on it.
8. Do you like to \_\_\_\_\_ in plays, concerts or recitals? Do you like to act, play music or dance in front of an audience?
11. Can you describe the main \_\_\_\_\_ in a television show that you like to watch? Can you describe the persons who act in the show?