

# Easy English Times

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## JULY 2018 Learning Activities

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

1. Children were separated from parents as a result of the Trump administration's \_\_\_\_\_ policy. (p. 1)
2. Libraries today offer \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
3. The 2018 FIFA World Cup "kicked off" in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 1)
4. The Alamo is a former Franciscan \_\_\_\_\_ located near the present-day city of \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
5. Lyndon Baines Johnson was the \_\_\_\_\_ president of the United States from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
6. The LBJ Presidential Library is located on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Univ. of Texas at \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
7. During fiscal year 2017, more than 719,000 people \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
8. Yogi Berra's statements are funny because they \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 6)
9. The U.S. women's national soccer team has been very \_\_\_\_\_ in international \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
10. The FIFA World Cup trophy is football's \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
11. The charreada consists of events for men and women which involve \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)

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

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|---|-------------------------|
| ___ 1. ....so that people could drive over it <b>right away</b> . | a. released his hold on |
| ___ 2. The Alamo's defenders <b>held out</b> for 13 days.         | b. gripped, grasped     |
| ___ 3. ....the tighter the man <b>held on</b> to his cloak.       | c. persisted            |
| ___ 4. The man straightened up and <b>let go</b> of his cloak.    | d. immediately          |

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

#### A. From "Anger expressed over divided families forces change" (pages 1 & 2)

1. President Trump signed an \_\_\_\_\_ on June 20 to keep families \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Senator Susan Collins is one of many who \_\_\_\_\_ the separations.

#### B. From "World Cup finals will be July 15" (pages 1 & 7)

1. The 2026 games will be hosted by three countries, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In the U.S. the World Cup finals will be broadcast on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. From "The Alamo" (page 4)

1. For Texans, the Battle of the Alamo became a symbol of their heroic resistance to \_\_\_\_\_ and their struggle for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Alamo and four Spanish colonial Catholic missions were designated U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. From "Son of Texas, President Lyndon B. Johnson" (page 4)

1. Johnson became president when John F. Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. During his years in office there was the \_\_\_\_\_ War, the \_\_\_\_\_ movement, and the establishment of many \_\_\_\_\_ programs.

### IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Aug./Sept. 2018 issue is Aug.6. Write about teamwork, learning English, differences between your country and the USA, sports or any other topic of general interest.

#### Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:

attached, chief, clue, compelling, cools, defeated, dropped, shivered, struggle, teamwork, tool, upset, venues, weeds

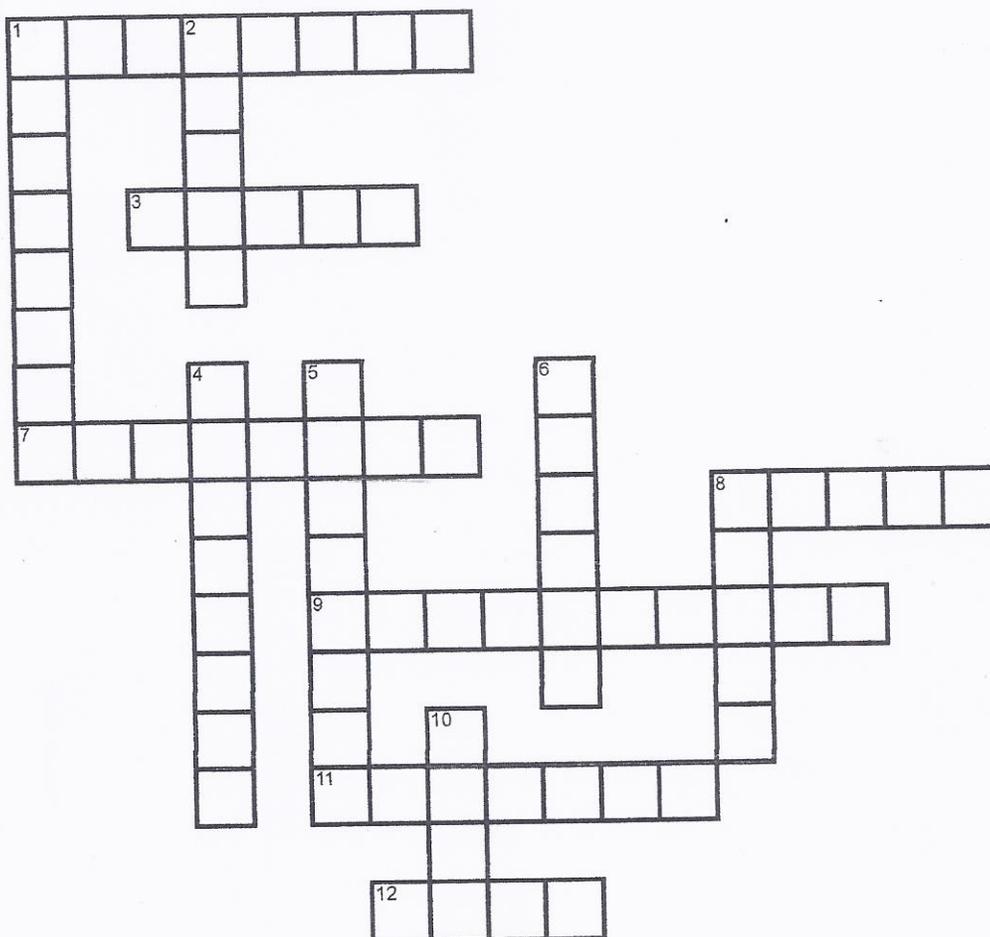
See our website [www.easyenglishtimes.com](http://www.easyenglishtimes.com) for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

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**NOTE: THE AUG./SEPT. ISSUE WILL BE OUT IN MID-AUGUST.**

# Crossword Puzzle - July 2018

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



## Across

- 1 Learning English is a \_\_\_\_\_. It is a difficult task.
- 3 Wild plants growing where they are not wanted are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 The north wind was \_\_\_\_\_ by the sun. The sun won the contest.
- 8 When something \_\_\_\_\_, it becomes less hot.
- 9 A \_\_\_\_\_ story is interesting in a powerful way.
- 11 When she \_\_\_\_\_ her keys, her friend picked them up.
- 12 The "no parking" signs were a \_\_\_\_\_ that something was going to happen.

## Down

- 1 The man \_\_\_\_\_ from the cold. His body shook.
- 2 An unexpected result in a competition is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The combined action of a group of people is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Did you get the story that was joined to this email? It was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The places where organized events happen are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The leader or ruler of a people or clan is their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 One of the workers had a \_\_\_\_\_ that looked like a hoe.