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## Activities

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

1. What is the name of Jan de Cock's book?
2. Who was King Tut?
3. Who chooses the justices for the Supreme Court?
4. What is the first rule to teach your child if he or she gets lost in the wilderness?
5. What are the approximate dates of the period of the Renaissance?
6. Where was the Wiggles Band started?
7. Who wrote "The Emperor's New Clothes?"
8. What is the Grand Prix?
9. Where did Danica Patrick capture the attention of the sports world?
10. If you think someone is having a stroke, what are the three things you need to ask him or her?

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

#### A. Questions from "A Vietnamese parent's perspective" (pages 1 & 4)

1. What is Dung Anh Tran suffering somewhat as he raises his children in a land and society that is different from the one in which he grew up?
2. According to Tran, what do American parents allow their children?
3. According to Tran how should Vietnamese parents view their children?

#### B. Questions from "Book review: The Secret Life of Bees" (page 5)

1. In what time period and in what part of the USA is Lily growing up?
2. Who does Lily run away with?
3. Lily calls the women who give her a place to live the calendar sisters. Why?

#### C. Questions from "Find summer fun: Learn while you have fun" and "What was the Renaissance?" (page 5)

1. At a Renaissance Faire what is transformed into the England of Queen Elizabeth's day?
2. What do the people who are working at the faire remember?
3. Name three people who did important things during the time of the Renaissance.

#### D. Questions from "What causes earthquakes?" (page 7)

1. What are the three main layers of the earth?
2. When do earthquakes occur?
3. In California what is the primary boundary between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate?

### III. Writing Suggestions

1. Send in your reactions to Dung Tran's page 1 story. (Do you have children who are growing up in a culture that is different from what you experienced? What are some examples of those differences? How are you trying to resolve them?)
2. Write a book, video or DVD review. (You can use the book review on page 5 as a model.)
3. For the August/September issue: a favorite teacher (by August 5)
3. For any issue: memories, your hometown, your job, special gifts, special people, etc.

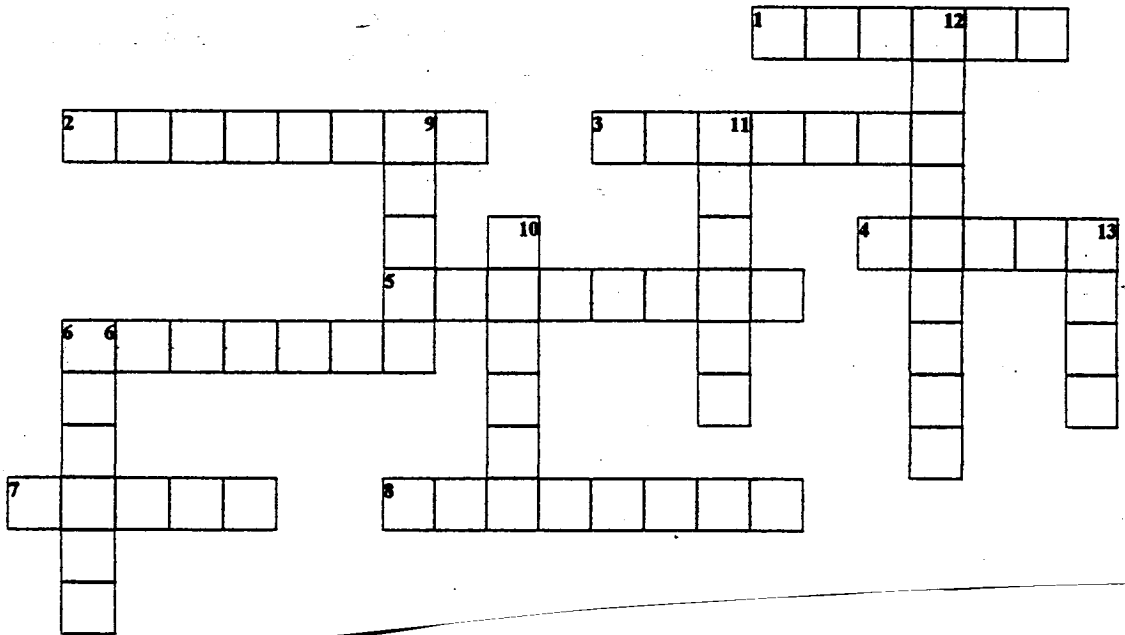
**Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** **Across:** comply, costumes, massive, novel, sewed, struggle, stubborn, stumble **Down:** crumbs, dare, pretended, raise, stolen, stroll

# Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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## Across

1. We expect our children to \_\_\_\_\_ with the rules of our household. We expect them to cooperate with our requirements.
2. Do you know anyone who is unwilling to change his or her mind? Do you know someone who is \_\_\_\_\_?
3. The earth's crust is broken into \_\_\_\_\_ irregular pieces called "plates." They are huge pieces.
4. The dishonest men cut the fabric and \_\_\_\_\_ it into pants, a shirt and a long cloak. They put the clothes together with a needle and thread.
5. For some people learning a new language is a difficult task which uses much effort and energy. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He saw the woman having trouble walking. He saw her \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Have you ever read a full-length work of fiction in English? Have you read a \_\_\_\_\_ in English?
8. At Renaissance Faires people like to wear \_\_\_\_\_. They wear clothes that people wore during that time period.

## Down

6. Let's go for a relaxed, unhurried walk. Let's go for a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Who were some of the people who helped \_\_\_\_\_ you? Who helped you grow up?
10. Some recipes call for bread \_\_\_\_\_. They ask you to use small pieces of bread in the recipe.
11. The discovery of King Tut's burial chamber was exciting because nothing had been \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing had been taken illegally.
12. The dishonest men put up a loom and \_\_\_\_\_ to weave. They made believe that they were weaving.
13. The ministers and officials did not \_\_\_\_\_ say anything. They did not have enough courage to speak.