

# Easy English Times

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## July 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. What city is always the site of a special ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 1)
2. What motivates children who leave El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 1)
3. Where was the naturalization ceremony held in Washington D.C. on June 18? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 1)
4. How did former president George H.W. Bush celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 2)
5. Jimmy Carter says that the deprivation and abuse of women and girls is a \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 2)
6. What hashtag got more than a million tweets on the Internet? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 2)
7. There has been international \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the girls in Nigeria. (p. 2)
8. The word "cowboy" appears to be a direct English translation of \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
9. Which Western actor went on to become president of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 5)
10. American wild horses and burros are descended from \_\_\_\_\_ horses and burros. (p. 5)
11. If a 'dark horse' wins, it is an \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)

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

#### A. From "Symbols of America" (page 1 story and caption)

1. The ceremony in Philadelphia recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1964.
2. The Liberty Bell rang when the Continental Congress signed the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The bald eagle is also an important symbol to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. From "Immigrants help America grow stronger" (pages 1 and 8)

1. None of the 56 Founders who signed the Declaration of Independence were born as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Michelle Obama said that "Immigration is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of how we developed as a nation."
3. She said that immigrants start approximately one in four of our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. From "Celebrating the heritage of the Old West" (page 4)

1. Beginning in the 1920s, what popularized the cowboy lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name one famous American of the Old West. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name one woman who is in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas. \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. From "Wild horses and burros can be adopted" (page 5 story and captions)

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) established the \_\_\_\_\_ Program.
2. In July and August 2014 there will be 15 National Wild Horse and Burro \_\_\_\_\_ events in several states.
3. These animals have almost no natural \_\_\_\_\_ and their herd sizes can \_\_\_\_\_ every four years.

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

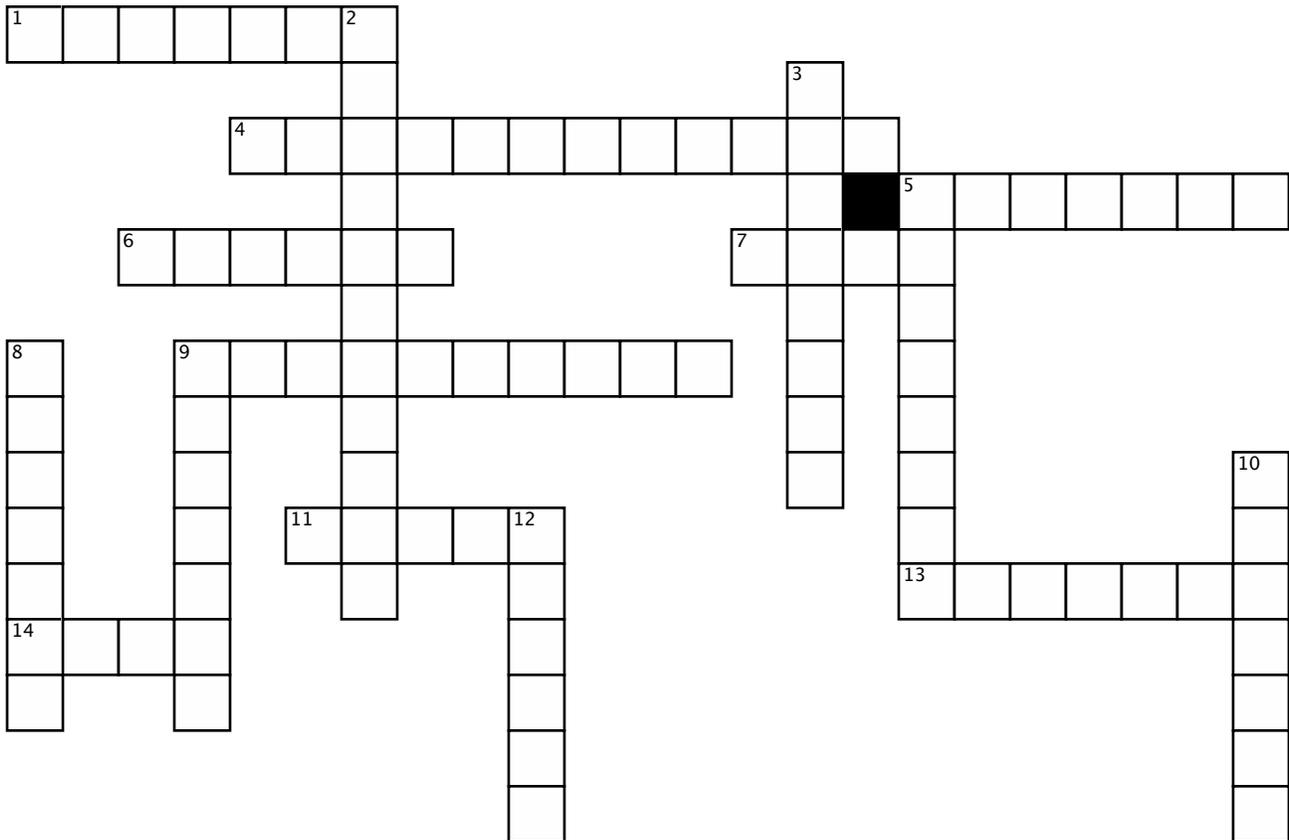
**IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the August/Sept. issue is August 4.** Send us stories about a special day in your life. Other topics include a hidden talent, an accomplishment, your family traditions, your hometown or country, your citizenship experience, or any other subject of general interest.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** allowed, appreciate, beats, behavior, cash, charming, customs, discouraged, disappointed, escaped, Freedom, glimpse, line, seldom, slogan, symbols

*Note: The August/September issue will be sent in mid-August.*

# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle July 2014

All words are from  
VOCABULARY HELP



## Across

1. Some of the horses became wild after they \_\_\_\_\_ from their owners. They got away from their confinement.
4. When the fisherman's wife saw that he didn't have any fish, she was \_\_\_\_\_. She was saddened by not having her hopes met.
5. When you study about the culture of another country, you learn about their \_\_\_\_\_. You learn about certain activities or events which are traditional.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ go out to dinner. We don't go out to dinner very often.
7. The contest had a large \_\_\_\_\_ prize. The prize was money.
9. What American customs or laws do you \_\_\_\_\_? Which ones do you like because you recognize their good qualities?
11. In the movie "Rocky" the dark horse prize fighter \_\_\_\_\_ the champion. He defeats his opponent.
13. The movie 'Wadjda' gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ into the lives of Saudi women. We get a short look.
14. The fisherman pulled in his \_\_\_\_\_ and found a big fish. He pulled in the special string used for fishing.

## Down

2. The teacher told her students not to lose hope. She said, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. You can learn English!"
3. According to conservative Islamic culture, riding a bicycle is inappropriate \_\_\_\_\_ for girls. In is not an appropriate way of acting.
5. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ film. It is pleasing, attractive and delightful.
8. The eagle and Liberty Bell are two important \_\_\_\_\_ of America. They are objects which represent something that is meaningful.
9. In Saudi Arabia women are not \_\_\_\_\_ to drive cars. They are not permitted to drive.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ of speech is one right from the First Amendment to the Constitution.
12. "In God we trust" is a \_\_\_\_\_ that is found on U.S. money. It's a phrase that expresses a message.