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July 2015 Learning Activities

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

1. Lake Mead is the 16th largest _____ - _____ lake in the world. (p. 1)
2. Nelson Mandela Day is in recognition of his contribution to the culture of _____ and _____. (p. 1)
3. The Barack Obama Presidential Center _____ on Chicago's South Side. (p. 1)
4. Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) was the _____ of the United States. (p. 1)
5. Dr. Laura J. Colker says that children's first and most important teachers are their _____. (p. 2)
6. A trust is a legal plan in which a person puts _____ of property in the name of someone else. (p. 4)
7. Blockbuster movies cost a lot of money to _____ and usually will _____ a lot more money. (p. 5)
8. To win the Triple Crown, the racehorse had to win _____ in a row. (p. 7)
9. In the film "Spare Parts", four high school students _____ first place in a robotics competition. (p. 7)
10. Alex Padilla's father worked as a short order _____ and his mother _____. (p. 8)

II. Exercise based on phrases found in VOCABULARY HELP: Find the meanings of these phrases. Optional: Write two or three original sentences using some of the phrases. Show them to your teacher.

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| 1. nursery rhyme _____ (p. 2) | 5. sets off _____ (p. 5) |
| 2. set up _____ (p. 4) | 6. get over _____ (p. 7) |
| 3. came out _____ (p. 5) | 7. a win-win situation _____ (p. 8) |
| 4. fast-paced _____ (p. 5) | |

III. More careful reading--find these answers.

A. From "Tunnel is drilled under Lake Mead" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Lake Mead is on the _____ River in the states of _____ and _____.
2. A recent report says that the lake is now about _____ percent full.

B. From "LBJ Library hosts Beatles exhibit" (pages 1 and 7)

1. Johnson became president after John F. Kennedy was _____.
2. The Beatles came in _____, just after LBJ took office. "They gave us a little bit of _____ in a tragic time."

C. From "Summer blockbuster movies" (page 5)

1. Jurassic World provides a habitat for _____ dinosaurs.
2. An ideal day turns disastrous when the San Andreas fault sets off a _____ magnitude _____ earthquake.

D. From "Spare Parts" (page 7)

1. The students didn't have a lot of money so they created a robot by using _____.
2. One of the boys _____ a science teacher _____ helping them. He persuades him to do it.

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

V. What is your favorite quotation? (See pages 1, 2, and 6)

Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Aug./Sept 2015 issue is July 20. (That paper will be mailed in mid-August.) Follow up with some of the stories in this issue by writing about pets, summer recreation or citizenship. Other topics include favorite sports, films, or books; your life, your town, city or country; your hobbies, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: achieve, apprentice, bonus, budget, embarrassed, encourage, gathered, humble, made, marvel, must, rampage, reservoir, sequel, shook, sidewalk, straw, stung, supplies, warns

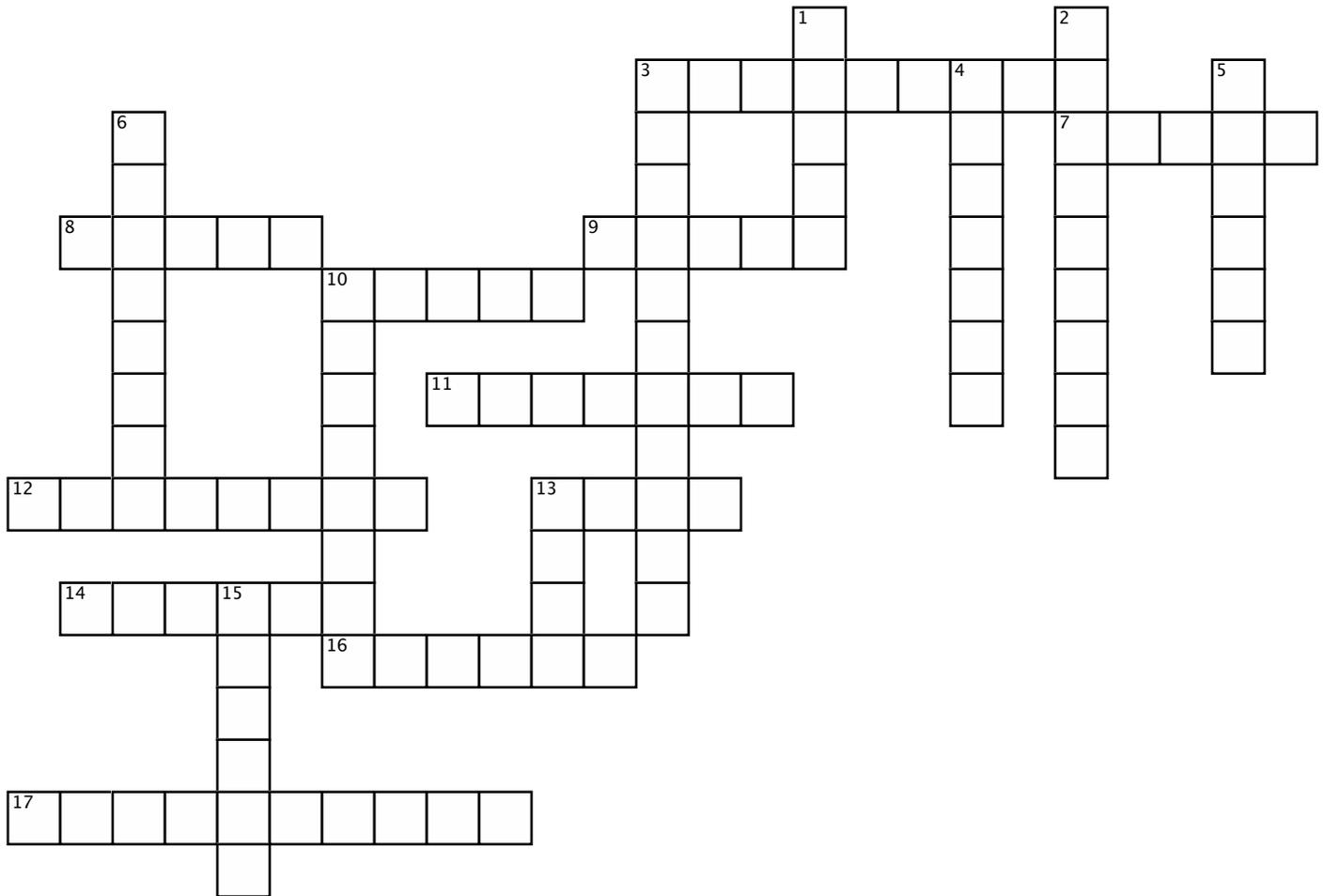
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Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. To _____ someone is to give them strength and hope.
7. You can use a _____ to draw a drink into your mouth.
8. Have you ever been _____ by a jellyfish? Have you ever had your skin pierced with its poison?
9. There is a character who _____ about the dangers of creating a new dinosaur. He tells that danger or trouble is near.
10. Amy's apartment _____ for 23 seconds during the earthquake. It made quick back and forth movements.
11. The dinosaurs go on a _____. They show an outburst of uncontrolled violent behavior.
12. The photo of Lake Mead was taken from the _____ on top of Hoover Dam. It was taken from the path for walkers.
13. The trust document says what the trustee _____ do with your property. It tells the obligations of the trustee.
14. Johnson came from _____ origins in Texas. His background was modest and unassuming.
16. "Jurassic World" is a _____ to "Jurassic Park." It continues the story.
17. An _____ is one who is learning a skill or trade from an expert.

Down

1. Did you get a _____ from your job last year? Did you get an addition to your usual wages?
2. Lake Mead is the largest _____ in the United States in maximum water capacity. It is the largest body of water that is saved for use.
3. If a person has to 'eat his words', he feels _____. He feels uncomfortable or ashamed.
4. Trusts are legal tools to _____ goals for yourself and your family. They are a way to help you reach your goals.
5. The tunnel under Lake Mead has been described as an engineering _____. It is something that inspires awe and amazement.
6. The neighbors _____ outside the apartment. They met.
10. Lake Mead _____ water to millions of people. It provides water to them.
13. The movie "San Andreas" showed a big profit. The movie _____ over two million dollars in the first ten days.
15. A _____ is an amount of money set aside for a purpose.