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Learning Activities

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

1. What did soldiers raise at Fort McHenry on Sept. 14, 1814? (p. 1) _____
2. A tall ship is a sailing ship with _____. (p. 1)
3. Karen Handel is the first _____ woman elected to Congress from _____. (p. 2)
4. The headline about the Supreme Court decision said "Washington _____ offends, but is _____. (p. 2)
5. What is the nickname of the ship USS Constitution? (p. 3) _____
6. Two rules to tell kids so they will be safe in the water: Never swim _____, and never swim without a _____. (p. 4)
7. Which Wright brother piloted the first successful powered, controlled flight? (p. 5) _____
8. When did Lindbergh make the first solo non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean? (p. 5) _____
9. What happened to Amelia Earhart is a _____ that has never been _____. (p. 5)
10. What are the names of the stars of *Beauty and the Beast*? (p. 7) _____ & _____

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

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| ____ 1. The Supreme Court struck down ... | a. responsible for |
| ____ 2. A similar case has been on hold . | b. declared (a law) illegal & unenforceable |
| ____ 3. We must put up with ... | c. temporarily not being dealt with |
| ____ 4. He is in charge of training new staff. | d. tolerate, endure |
| ____ 5. Her fame paved the way for other women in flight. | e. created the circumstances to enable something to happen |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "The flag that inspired the national anthem" (pages 1 and 6)

1. They raised the flag to celebrate a crucial _____ over British forces during the _____.
2. The sight of those "broad _____ and bright _____" inspired Francis Scott Key to write a song.
3. That song became the United States _____.

B. From "Living history: Tall ships return to Boston Harbor" (pages 1 and 3) (sailboston.com to see ships)

1. Dozens of tall ships from _____ countries _____ into Boston Harbor on June 17.
2. The Picton Castle ship takes passengers who are willing to _____.
3. The ship named USS Constitution is on _____ at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

C. From "History of flight" (page 5)

1. The Wright Brothers chose the Outer Banks area of _____ to test their inventions because it had _____, steady winds, and _____.
2. Charles Lindbergh's airplane was called _____.
3. In 1932 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to _____ across the Atlantic.

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the August/September issue is August 4. Send us

stories about your summer vacation, your immigrant or refugee experience, your neighborhood, or your family. Also send stories about your job, sports, movies, books, or any other topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: arrogant, beggar, bill, Cabinet, dawn, disappointed, forbidden, gifted, lines, melting, midwife, piers, rehearsal, scribbled, search, stamina, teamwork, Tweets, wandered, witch

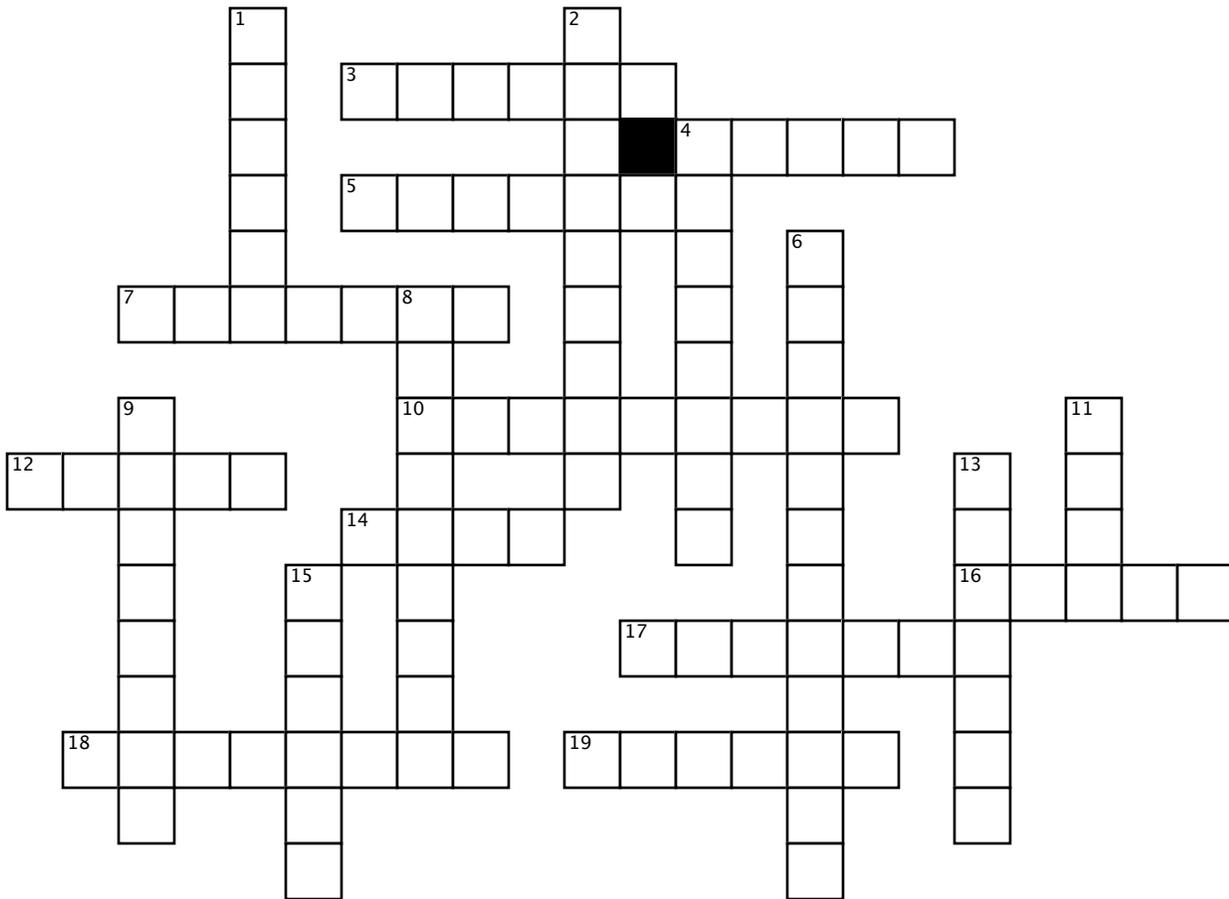
See our website www.easyenglishtimes.com for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. There was an extensive _____ for Amelia Earhart's airplane. They tried to find it.
4. The woman who cast a spell on the cold-hearted prince was a _____. She had evil magic powers.
5. Athletes need to have a lot of _____, the ability to sustain prolonged physical effort.
7. A person who is trained to assist women in childbirth is a _____.
10. A practice or trial performance of a play is the _____.
12. Structures leading out from the shore into a body of water are called _____.
14. A draft or preliminary version of a proposed law is called a _____.
16. I need to learn the words for my part in the play. I need to learn my _____.
17. The heads of the executive departments of government make up the President's _____.
18. Gaston is an _____ man. He has an exaggerated sense of his own importance.
19. President Trump's _____ often make news. He posts them on Twitter.

Down

1. Francis Scott Key was a _____ poet. He had special natural ability for writing poems.
2. He wrote the song quickly and not very neatly. He _____ it on the back of a letter.
4. They walked in a leisurely, casual way. They _____ along the waterfront.
6. He was sad because he didn't win the election. He was _____.
8. Interracial marriage was _____ in some states before 1967. It was not permitted.
9. The combined action of a group of people, especially when it is effective, is called _____.
11. This morning we had to get up at _____, at the first appearance of daylight.
13. There is a lot of water in the river because the snowpack is _____. It is becoming liquefied.
15. The homeless person was asking for money or food. He was a _____.