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June 2016 Learning Activities

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

1. The National Park Service was established in the Dept. of the _____ on Aug. 25, _____. (p. 1)
2. The Grand Canyon is called one of the seven _____ of the World. (p. 1)
3. Michelle Obama wanted to start a national conversation about _____ and _____. (p. 1)
4. John Adams and his wife Abigail planted the first _____ vegetable garden. (p. 1)
5. All of the code names for members of the Obama family begin with the letter _____. (p. 2)
6. Charlotte and George are two of Queen Elizabeth's _____. (p. 2)
7. The Blue Angels' pilots fly _____ in more than 70 shows. (p. 3)
8. Many national parks have _____ events where you can observe the night sky. (p. 5)
9. Chuck Bingaman describes some of the limits on _____ content in his article. (p. 6)
10. A monster truck is an extremely large _____ truck with very big _____. (p. 7)

II. Vocabulary quiz - Use these words to fill in the blanks below:

hands-on, home-cooked, in-laws, action-packed

1. This _____ film is about the Cold War.
2. If you are married, how would you describe your _____?
3. The students have _____ experiences with growing their own food.
4. These days families eat fewer _____ meals.

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "The Grand Canyon in Arizona is a popular national park" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Native Americans considered the canyon _____.
2. John Wesley Powell led the first expedition down the Grand Canyon in _____.

B. From "Michelle Obama's legacy: First Lady is touring gardens" (pages 1 and 2)

1. Mrs. Obama's focus on national health and fitness are her important _____.
2. Today, children experience a very different _____.

C. From "Freedom of speech: How 'free' is it?" (page 6)

1. Congress and state legislatures have passed dozens of laws to limit what people can _____, _____ or _____.
2. Some things cannot be allowed to be said because they might cause public _____.

D. From "DVD review: 'Bridge of Spies'" (page 7)

1. James B. Donovan is the defense lawyer for an accused _____.
2. Francis Gary Powers is an American pilot who is working for the _____.

IV. What is your favorite photo in this issue? Why do you like it?

V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the July issue is June 16. Tell us about your favorite national park. Other suggestions include graduation, wedding or anniversary celebrations. We would also like to hear about your summer activities, your job, your life, favorite sports, favorite movies, or any topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: achievement, actual, breeze, colonies, compatible, darkness, legislature, leisure, livestock, meanwhile, misery, partnership, pleasant, raised, reasonable, sue, thread, thriller

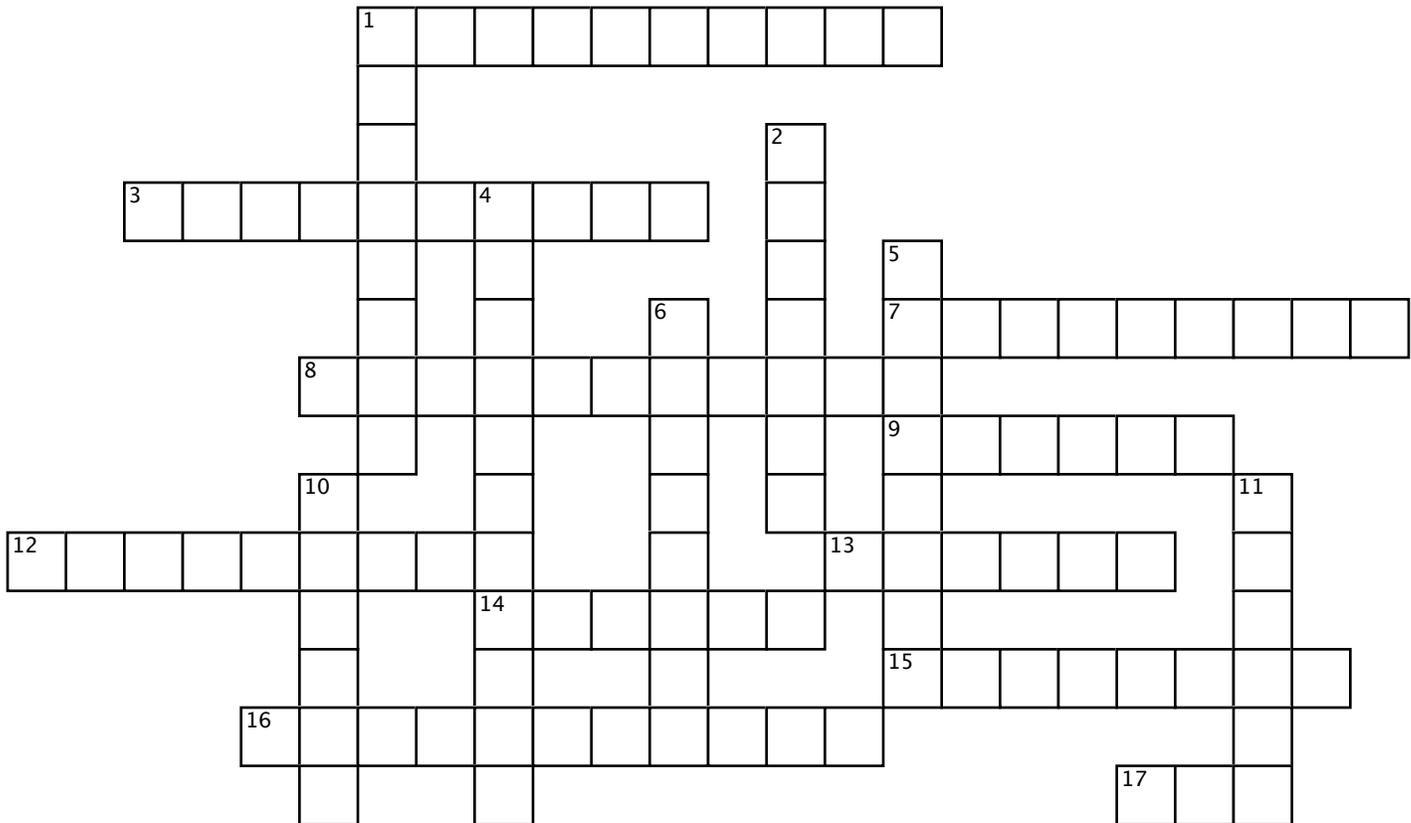
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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

1. If two people have a harmonious relationship, you can say that they are _____.
3. Something that is _____ is based on good sense.
7. Farm animals that are regarded as useful or valuable are called _____.
8. The part of government that makes the laws is called the _____.
9. The movie is based on _____ historical events. They are real.
12. A word that means 'at the same time' is _____.
13. They planted their vegetables in _____ beds. They were elevated to a higher position.
14. A Russian proverb says "Whoever marries only for beauty will live in _____." They will live in sadness and without hope.
15. A movie, novel or play with an exciting plot, typically involving crime or espionage is called a _____.
16. The state of being a partner or partners is called a _____.
17. When someone institutes legal proceedings against a person or institution, they _____ them.

Down

1. The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen British _____ that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.
2. Your free time when you can relax is also called _____ time.
4. "A successful marriage is not a gift; it is an _____." It is an accomplishment.
5. Something that is _____ gives a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment.
6. When there is an absence of light there is _____.
10. A Korean proverb says "The needle is always accompanied by the _____."
11. A gentle wind is called a _____.