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March 2013 Learning Activities

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

1. It is traditional for the president to make a speech before both houses _____ . (p. 1)
2. Who gave the Republican response to the State of the Union speech? (p. 1)
3. In which states is Cesar Chavez Day an official state holiday? . (p. 1)
4. Where is the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument? (p. 1)
5. Who was President during the Great Depression and most of World War II? (p. 3)
6. Who took the photograph which is known as "Migrant Mother?" (p. 5)
7. What is the title of Dian Fossey's book about gorillas? (p. 6)
8. Abraham Lincoln led the United States during the _____ .. (p. 7)
9. Name the men who were standing behind Obama when he gave his State of the Union speech. (p. 7)
10. In which states do the professional baseball teams practice in the spring? (p. 8)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "President Obama gave Congress his list of priorities" (pages 1 and 7)

1. Under our Constitution, whose job is it to make federal laws?
2. Obama concluded his speech with an emotional call to bring gun-control legislation to a _____ in the Congress.

B. From "Cesar Chavez Day is March 31." (pages 1 and 8)

1. In California state government offices will be closed to honor the man who helped improve _____ for farmworkers in the USA.
2. Chavez became well known when he led a five-year boycott of _____.

C. From "Professional photographer travels the world" (page 4)

1. Kathyrene Bandrowski knew at a young age that photography would play a large _____ in her life.
2. As a professional photographer she specializes in _____, _____ and _____ photography.

D. From "'Lincoln' wins Academy Awards" (page 7)

1. Who plays the role of Abraham Lincoln in this film?
2. In the 1860s there are only _____ in the Congress.

III. What is your favorite photograph in the March issue of Easy English Times? Why?

IV. Writing and photo suggestions: The deadline for the April issue is March 21

Photo suggestions: For for the next issue send us a photograph of a person in your class or in your family. (Students: Be sure and ask permission before you take the photograph.) It should be sent as an attachment, not in the body of an email. Please use a digital camera (not a cell phone). Please also send information about the photograph. Write a "caption" for it and tell us why you selected the person to photograph.

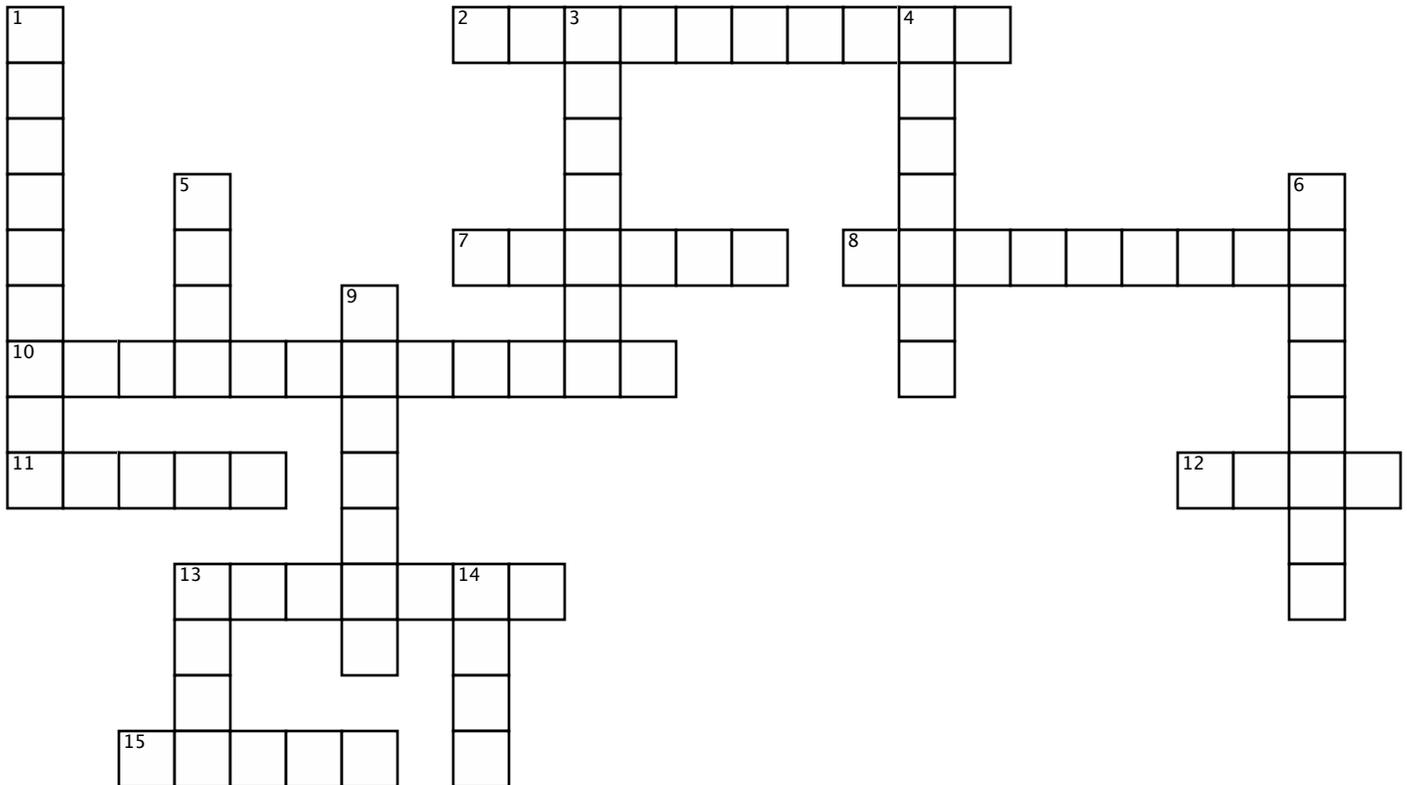
Writing suggestions: One of the themes for April is the protection of the environment. Send us stories with your suggestions for how to honor Earth Day. Also send us stories about your citizenship experiences and tell us about your job, your life, your special talents, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: advocate, affectionate, background, convert, depressed, envy, fast, founded, goal, migrant, neglect, proposals, shape, store, treats, wage

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



Across

2. What is your favorite _____ for taking pictures? What do you like to see behind the subject of the photo?
7. She wished she could give _____ to her children. She wished she could give them some special gifts.
8. Mary Todd Lincoln was _____ because one of her four sons passed away in 1862. She was saddened and in low spirits.
10. Lincoln was very _____ toward his little boy, Tad. He was loving and warm.
11. The monuments and memorials in Washington DC honor the presidents and statesmen who helped _____ our nation. They are people who had a profound influence on the USA.
12. Lincoln was very serious about his _____ of ending slavery forever through the 13th amendment. It was his objective and purpose.
13. Chavez _____ the National Farm Workers Association. He started the organization.
15. How do you _____ your photos? Where do you keep them? Where do you put them away?

Down

1. Obama had many _____ for Congress in his State of the Union speech. He gave them some suggestions for possible new laws.
3. Kathyne Bandrowski was an early _____ from film to digital photography. She changed her method of photography.
4. Dian Fossey saw a need to protect the gorillas of Rwanda from the threat of poachers and _____. She wanted people to give proper care and attention to the gorillas.
5. Obama would like to see an increase in the federal minimum _____. He would like to see more money paid for work usually done by the hour.
6. Thaddeus Stevens was an impassioned _____ of equality for black citizens. He was a worker for their cause, a supporter.
9. The family of Cesar Chavez became _____ workers. They moved from place to place harvesting seasonal crops.
13. In 1968 Chavez went on a 25 day _____. He didn't eat and drank very little for 25 days.
14. _____ may be jealousy of another person's possessions or jealousy of another person's achievements.