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Learning Activities

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

1. Sergio C. Garcia is the first undocumented _____ allowed to practice law in California. (p. 1)
2. Meryl Davis and Charlie White won an ice dance _____ at the Winter Olympics. (p. 1)
3. What is Cesar Chavez' birthdate? _____ (p. 2)
4. Dreamer is a term used to refer to young adults who may have or still qualify for the _____. (p. 2)
5. Tammy Duckworth is a member of _____ and an Iraq War _____. (p. 4)
6. What is the pen name of Elizabeth Jane Cochrane? _____ (p. 4)
7. It is estimated that more than a million people died in the _____ in Ireland between 1846 & 1850. (p. 5)
8. The researchers found that children who heard many more words, had an _____ time learning. (p. 7)
9. "March Madness" refers to a national college _____ championship tournament. (p. 7)
10. The Sapphires were four _____ women from Australia who toured Vietnam in 1968. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases on the left.

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| ____ 1. When he was younger, he wanted to fit in . | a. falls in love with |
| ____ 2. Her sister-in-law tried to boss her around . | b. give her orders |
| ____ 3. Where did you grow up ? | c. be similar to the people in his group |
| ____ 4. Kay falls for a black soldier. | d. live during your youth |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Sergio Garcia's American dream came true" (pages 1 and 2)

1. One of the goals of the Dreamers conference was to encourage undocumented youth to _____.
2. Garcia is starting a foundation to provide for those who have _____ and _____, but not the means.

B. From "Nellie Bly: Pioneer woman journalist" (page 4)

1. In the late 1800s there were few _____.
2. Nellie Bly went around the world in _____ than 80 days. Her travel time was _____ days.

C. From "Irish famine inspires monuments" (page 5)

1. The famine was caused by _____ blight which destroyed the main _____ at the time.
2. A lot of people survived the famine by _____ to the United States.

D. From "Talk to your baby!" (page 7)

1. Erika Hoff advises parents to have _____ with their babies.
2. The sooner you start talking to babies, the _____. Their _____ are absorbing information before they are able to respond.

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

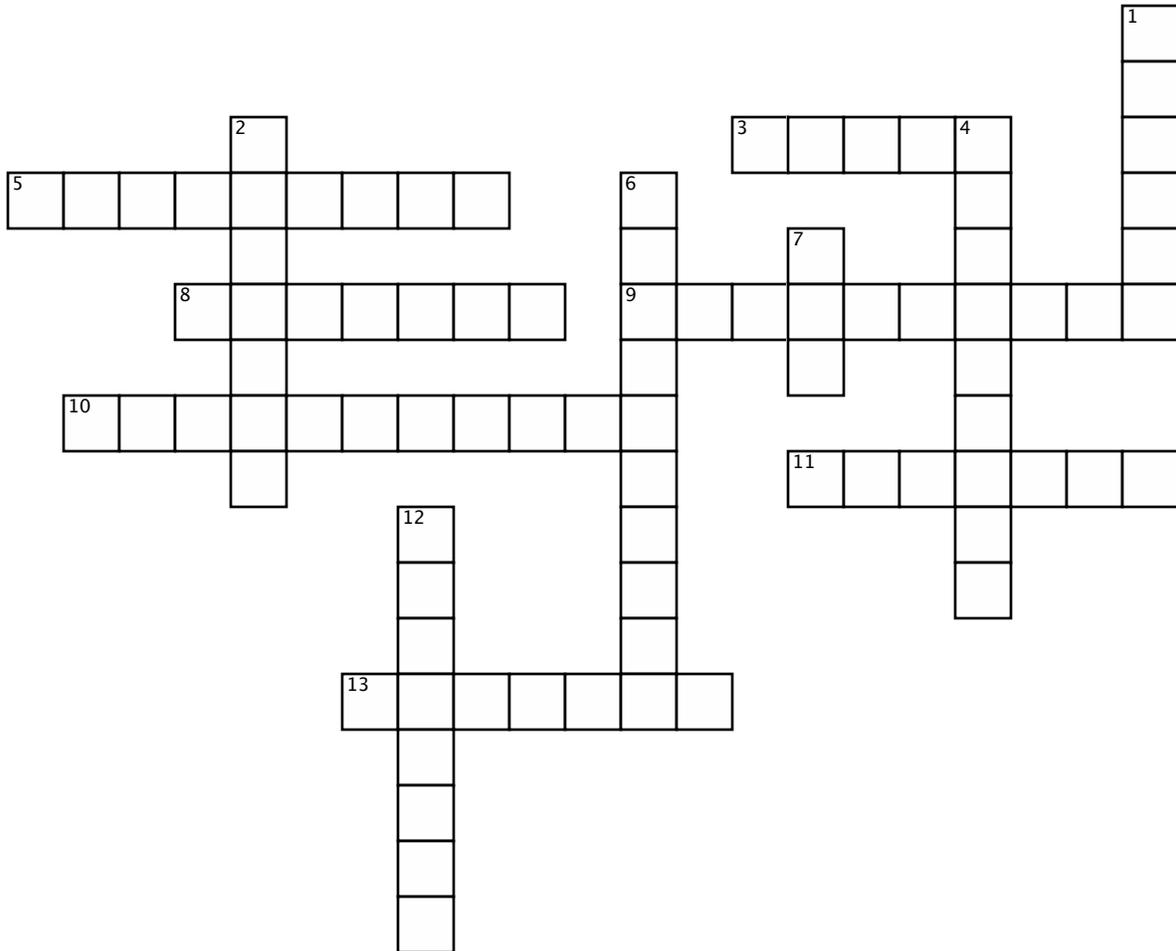
V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the April issue is March 17. In the April issue we will celebrate Earth Day. Send us your ideas about how to help preserve our planet. Springtime and gardens are good topics for April too. You can send stories about places in the U.S. or your hometown and country. And send stories about your life, hobby, pet, job, special talent, and your thoughts about immigration reform and citizenship.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: achievement, annoying, attempt, benefit, blues, foreign, gab, household, remarkable, scratching, settled, strangers, voyage

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*All words are from
Vocabulary Help*



Across

3. The Sapphires sang the _____. They sang slow jazz music with songs about sad feelings.
5. How many people are in your _____? How many people live together in your home?
8. Many Irish immigrants _____ in the New York area. They made a home there.
9. Mariko Yamada spoke about Garcia's _____ journey. What he has done is worthy of attention.
10. The school _____ of children who heard more words as babies was higher. They had more success.
11. Garcia passed the bar on his first _____. He passed the test the first time he tried.
13. Nellie Bly served as a _____ correspondent in Mexico. She was a correspondent outside of her own country.

Down

1. Many Irish immigrants died on the _____ from Ireland to America. It was a long journey by sea.
2. Even if the babies hear talk that they don't understand, they still _____ from it. There are positive results.
4. Another word for unfamiliar persons is _____.
6. The little red hen was _____ around in the dirt. She was scraping the ground with her claws.
7. Do you know anyone who has the gift of _____? Can that person talk easily and informally?
12. If someone is a pain in the neck, he is _____. He causes bad feelings and creates unhappiness.