

Easy English Times

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March 2016 Learning Activities

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

1. Chief Justice Roberts made a statement about Scalia's death _____ the court. (p. 1)
2. President Obama will be the first American president to visit Cuba since Coolidge went in _____. (p. 1)
3. The Zika virus is spread primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species _____. (p. 3)
4. Pope Francis urged his listeners to make Mexico "a land of _____." (p. 2)
5. Scientists have observed ripples in the gravitational field in _____. (p. 2)
6. Albert Einstein's greatest brainchild is the _____. (p. 2)
7. The late Jaime Escalante is being honored with a _____ this year. (p. 2)
8. The bald eagle became the _____ in 1782. (p. 3)
9. One of Chavez' famous quotes is "_____!" (p. 3)
10. Ireland is called the _____ so some people wear _____ on March 17. (p. 8)

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

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| ___ 1. He is about to inherit property. | a. go faster |
| ___ 2. When Eilis gets back to Ireland.... | b. and also |
| ___ 3. ...you will lose the money as well as your friend. | c. close to doing something |
| ___ 4. How do you keep in touch with your friends? | d. returns |
| ___ 5. Let's get a move on . | e. in contact |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Associate Justice Antonin Scalia dies" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Scalia took his seat on the court on September 26, _____. He was the longest serving of the _____ members of the court.
2. With Scalia gone, the court now consists of four _____ and four _____.

B. From "More Zika cases are reported" (pages 1 and 6)

1. Babies born with the birth defect sometimes have brains that aren't fully _____.
2. Until more is known, the CDC recommends special _____ for pregnant women who are traveling to areas of Zika activity.

C. From "March 31 is César Chávez Day" (page 3)

1. César Chávez Day celebrates the _____ and _____ of the civil rights activist.
2. Chávez and Huerta needed a symbol for the _____ being planned.

D. From "DVD review, *Brooklyn*" (page 5)

1. Eilis comes to the city of Brooklyn, New York to find _____.
2. Eilis has the address of a _____ where she can live.

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the April issue is March 18. Send us stories about your best friend, your favorite sport, your relationship with libraries, your life, your hometown, or any topic of general interest.

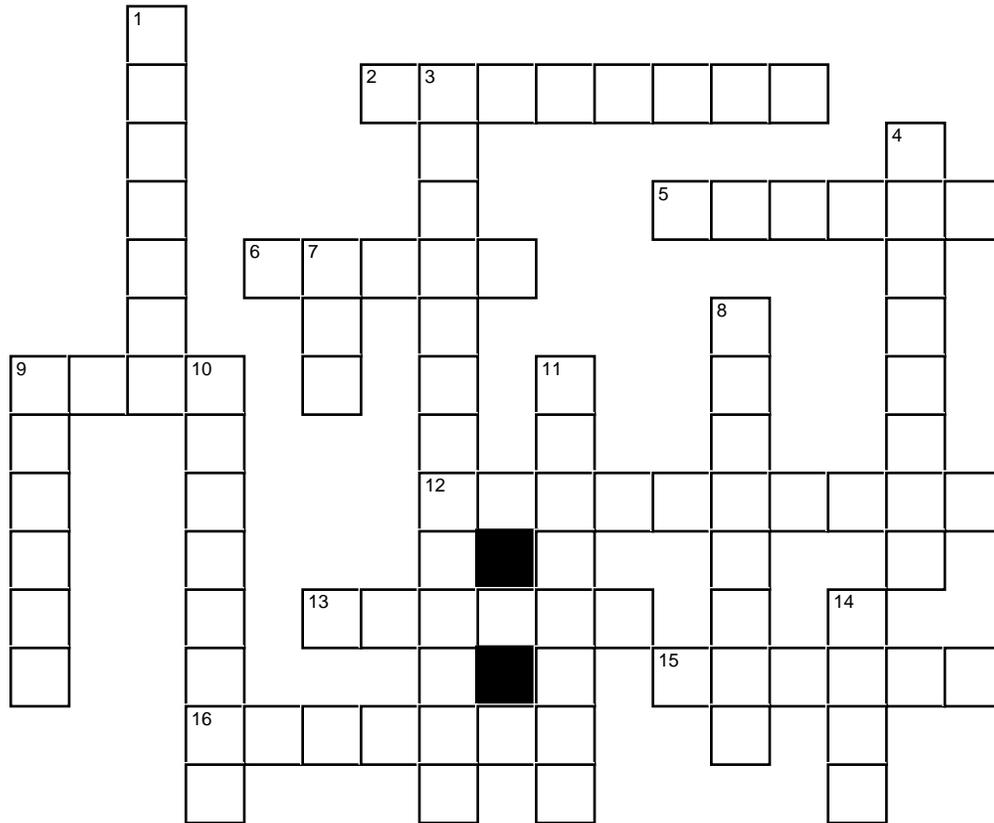
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: acquaintances, bachelor, banner, content, dealers, faithful, homesick, issue, pals, property, rarely, rash, saddened, shy, spread, thoughtful, voyage

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

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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VOCABULARY HELP



Across

2. Chief Justice Roberts said he was _____ to report that Justice Antonin Scalia had passed away. He felt sorrow and was unhappy.
5. The Zika virus will likely continue to _____. It will probably extend to new areas.
6. The vacancy on the Supreme Court has become an _____ in the 2016 presidential race. It is an important topic for discussion and debate.
9. One of the symptoms of the Zika virus is a _____. There is an area of reddening of the skin.
12. He is a _____ person. He shows consideration for the needs of other people.
13. A black eagle on a red _____ is the symbol of the farmworkers' movement. It is the flag of the United Farm Workers.
15. She traveled from Ireland to New York by sea. It was a difficult _____.
16. She told her kids to be _____ with what they had. She wanted them to be satisfied and pleased.

Down

1. Pope Francis called drug traffickers "_____ of death". They buy from producers and sell to customers.
3. It's important to get to know new people and make new _____.
4. A person who is loyal and devoted is _____.
7. A person who is _____ is timid.
8. My brother is still a _____. He is not married yet.
9. People very _____ die of Zika. They almost never die of this disease.
10. The young Irish woman experienced a longing for her home when she was in Brooklyn. She was _____.
11. The young man was going to inherit a lot of _____ when his parents passed away. He would get their house and land.
14. Are you still friends or _____ with the best friends of your youth?