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March 2017 Learning Activities

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

1. Judge Neil Gorsuch was nominated by _____ . (p. 1)
2. The Librarian of Congress is appointed by the _____ for a term of _____ years. (p. 1)
3. The Library of Congress is in _____ buildings on _____. (p. 1)
4. On Feb. 9 a federal appeals court declined to _____ President Trump's order. (p. 2)
5. More than a million people died in the _____ in Ireland between 1846 and 1850. (p. 2)
6. César Chávez Day is observed on _____ each year. (p. 3)
7. The 1st Amendment says that everyone has the right to practice his or her own _____. (p. 4)
8. Fake news often relates to stories being circulated on _____. (p. 4)
9. There are many national parks and monuments that honor _____. (p. 5)
10. The Iditarod moved the restart location because of a _____ of _____. (p. 8)

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

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| ___ 1. ...to keep the government out of religion | a. exclude |
| ___ 2. ...religious conflicts have torn so many other nations apart . | b. decide |
| ___ 3. Often she would find fault with Celeste. | c. destroyed |
| ___ 4. I can't make up my mind. | d. make an adverse criticism |

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Judge Neil Gorsuch nominated for the Supreme Court" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Gorsuch is a 49-year-old _____ judge from _____.
2. Gorsuch attended _____ schools.

B. From "The largest library in the world" (pages 1 and 7)

1. The buildings are named after Presidents _____, _____ and _____.
2. The Library makes its resources available to the _____ and the _____.

C. From "Learning about other religions" (page 4)

1. Salem talked about well-known _____, Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali.
2. The discussion was open and _____. Some common _____ were discussed.

D. From "Fake news is topic of concern" (pages 4 and 5)

1. President Trump has called journalists "_____".
2. Reporters and others are "_____ - _____" more often to try to hold the new administration accountable.

V. **Writing suggestions: The deadline for the April issue is March 17.** Earth Day is April 22. Tell us your thoughts about environmental concerns. Send us stories about your family, your life, your job, favorite sports, favorite movies, favorite books or any topic of general interest.

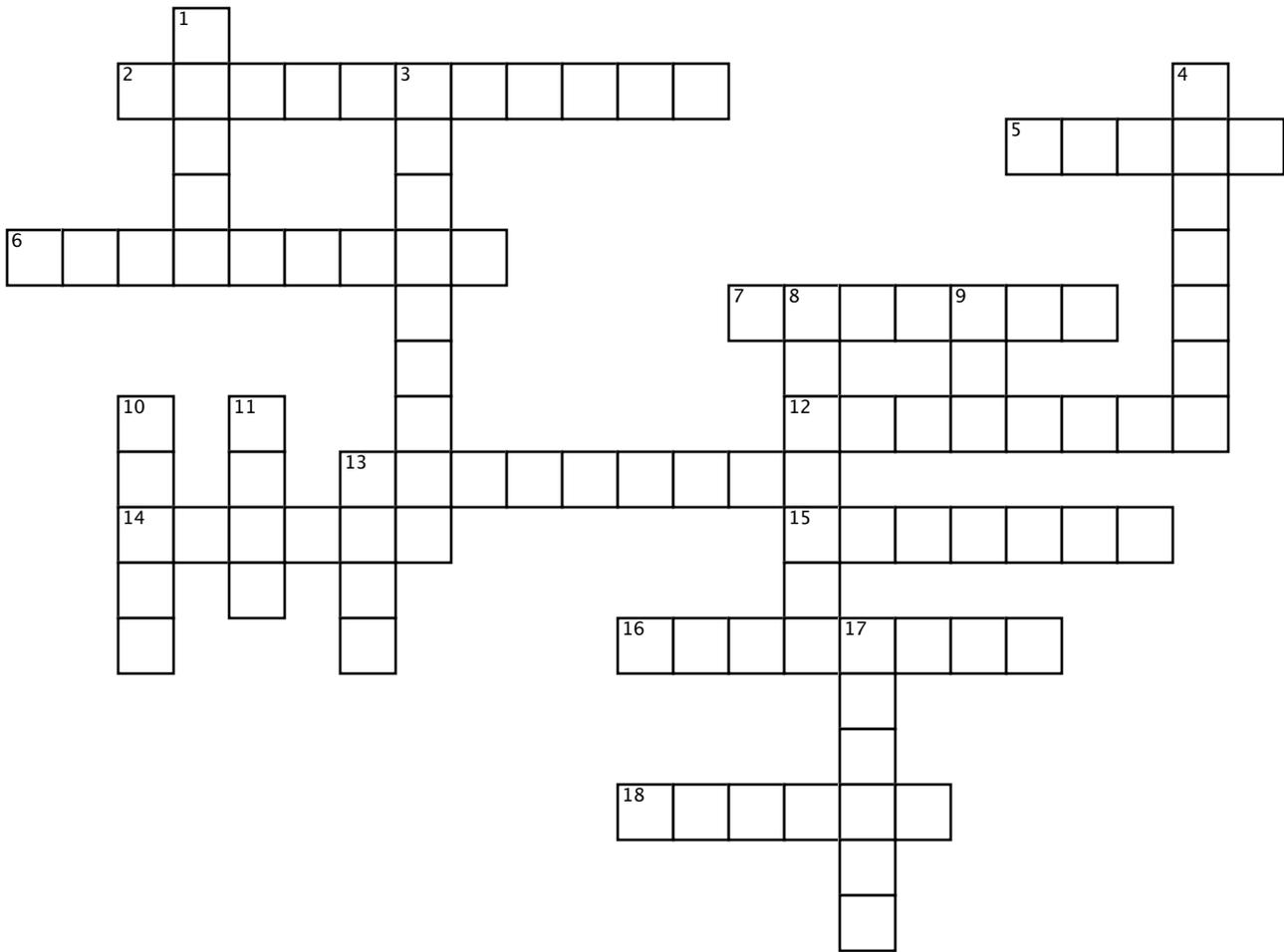
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: adores, ancestors, argue, chaos, chaplain, complaining, fool, fools, handful, lie, likely, messenger, pest, prayer, predators, resemble, survive, swallow, worship

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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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

2. If a person expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something, he or she is _____.
5. To _____ is to exchange or express diverging or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way.
6. In the religion of Islam, Muhammad is the _____ of God. He brought God's message to the people.
7. When you _____, food or drink pass down your throat and into your stomach.
12. Who do you look like in your family? Do you _____ your mother or your father?
13. Animals that naturally prey on others are _____.
14. He loves and respects his grandson deeply. He _____ him.
15. A small number or amount can be called a _____.
16. He is a _____ at the hospital. He is a clergy person who provides religious support to the patients.
18. A solemn request for help or an expression of thanks addressed to God is a _____.

Down

1. People who act unwisely or imprudently are called _____.
3. Do you know anything about your _____? Do you know about the people from whom you are descended?
4. To _____ is to continue to live, especially under hard conditions.
8. A _____ service is a religious ceremony.
9. A false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive is a _____.
10. The word that means complete disorder and confusion is _____.
11. Fake news headlines _____ American adults about 75% of the time. They trick or deceive them.
13. A _____ is an annoying person or thing.
17. Gorsuch will probably become a Supreme Court justice. He is _____ to be confirmed.