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Learning Activities

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

1. Where was the first Mardi Gras parade in the U.S. held? (p. 1)
2. Where is the Iditarod race held? When does it start? (p. 1)
3. Who did the Egyptian people drive from power last month? (p. 2)
4. Name three musical instruments that are often played in Irish and Scottish music. (p. 3)
5. When is Saint Patrick's Day? (p. 3)
6. Name at least four states where Cesar Chavez is remembered and celebrated. (p. 4)
7. Which U.S. president started the Peace Corps? In what year? (p. 4)
8. When does Daylight Saving Time start? (p. 4)
9. Tell at least two differences between Fabiola's childhood and her mother's. (p. 5)
10. According to the IRS, if you were paid by salary or cash, you have to report your _____. (p. 8)

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

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| ___ 1. The president of Egypt has stepped down . | a. continue doing |
| ___ 2. How often do you get dressed up ? | b. progressing |
| ___ 3. He knocked out a couple of his opponent's teeth. | c. put on special, more formal clothes |
| ___ 4. We need to stick with healthy eating habits. | d. resigned |
| ___ 5. He went to see how they were coming along . | e. caused to come out |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Iditarod Race pits man and dogs against nature" pages 1 and 5

1. How many dogs pull each sled?
2. What do you call the person who is on the sled?
3. How many miles is the race? How many days does it take to cover the distance?

B. From "Egypt's people's revolution" page 2

1. What is the name of the square in Cairo where many people gathered?
2. Name three things they used to inform, educate and connect the people who were calling for change.
3. Who came together in their quest for freedom and dignity?

C. From "Music makes memories", "What is zydeco music?" and the caption page 5

1. How did Queen Ida's music make all the guests at the party feel?
2. Where did zydeco music evolve in the early 19th century?
3. A musical washboard is a _____ instrument.

D. From "Rules for healthy eating: A book review" page 8

1. Tell the three main principles that are described in this book.
2. What is one rule that Cindy tries to live by?
3. Tell one rule from the list of ten that you would like to remember.

IV. Writing Suggestions:

Please send us stories about music, books or sports that you enjoy, your life, your country or hometown, your job, or the place where you live now. The deadline for the April issue is March 16.

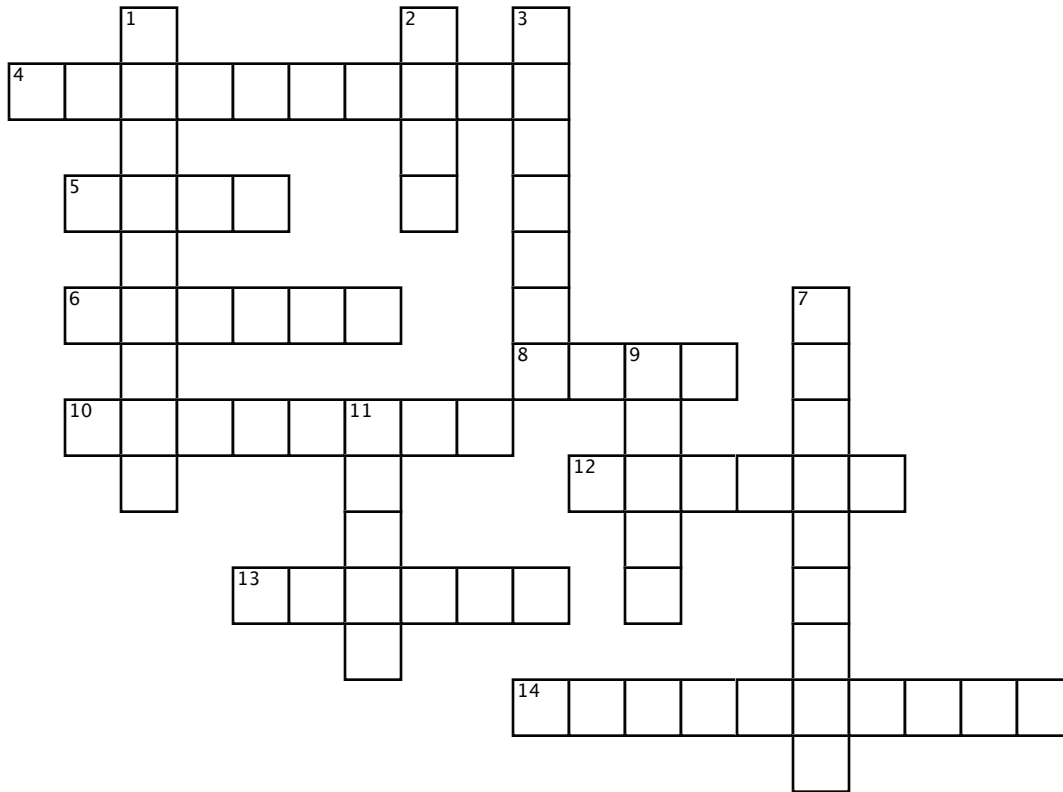
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: ashamed, dare, delighted, fierce, flattering, itch, naked, pretended outfit, resigned, rich, rough, strategies, unique

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Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from Vocabulary Help



Across

4. The dogsled mushers have different _____. They have different plans for running the race.
5. It's not comfortable to wear clothes that _____. They make you feel like scratching your skin.
6. The men and women who compete in the Iditarod Race are _____. They are one of a kind.
8. The ministers and officials of the emperor did not _____ say anything. They did not have enough courage or nerve to speak up.
10. The Egyptian people were happy when President Mubarak _____. He left his job.
12. Do you have a favorite _____? Do you have a favorite set of clothing?
13. The competition for the basketball playoffs is _____. It is powerful and intense.
14. The word 'blarney' has come to mean clever or _____ speech. This is speech that is complimentary.

Down

1. The dishonest men _____ to weave cloth for the emperor's new clothes. They made believe, but did not really do it.
2. At Mardi Gras celebrations, people may eat _____ foods. These are foods which contain a lot of sugar and fat.
3. She felt a bit _____ that she had never thought about how she shopped for food. She felt embarrassed and guilty.
7. The dishonest men were _____ when the minister told them that he liked the cloth. They were very happy and pleased.
9. Ice hockey can be a _____ game. Sometimes the players use a lot of force toward members of the opposing team.
11. In fact, the emperor was _____. He was without clothes.