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Learning Activities

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

1. Where is the George W. Bush Presidential Library located? (p. 1)
2. The bombings on April 15 happened near the _____ of the Boston Marathon. (p. 1)
3. Kami Sherpa has done some 20 climbs in the _____ in addition to his Everest climbs. (p.. 3)
4. The Boston Marathon is held every year on _____. (p.. 4)
5. The Boston Tea Party was a protest against the _____ of the British government. (p.. 4)
6. Paul Revere is famous for warning Colonial militia of the approaching _____. (p. 4)
7. Arlington National Cemetery is both a national _____ and an active cemetery. (p.. 5)
8. Many studies have been done on the dangers of _____ driving. (p. 5)
9. Luther Burbank was a world-famous _____. (p. 6)
10. "Stop and smell the roses" means to _____ to appreciate a situation. (p. 6)

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

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| ____ 1. She emailed the photos right away . | a. from one person to another and back again |
| ____ 2. They were texting back and forth . | b. postpone |
| ____ 3. I need to plug in my laptop. | c. learn |
| ____ 4. You can find out about your classmates' habits. | d. immediately |
| ____ 5. What tasks do you put off ? | e. connect to electricity |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "George W. Bush Presidential Library is dedicated" (pages 1 and 2)

1. The library contains the Bush administration's official _____ and presidential _____.
2. George W. Bush followed in his father's _____. George H.W. Bush was the _____ president.

B. From "Patriots' Day" (page 4)

1. Where and when were the battles of Lexington and Concord fought?
2. Patriots' Day is held each year on the 3rd _____ of April. It is a _____ state holiday.

C. From "Veterans are honored every day" (page 5)

1. Memorial Day ceremonies are held to _____ Americans who died in the service of their country.
2. The Tomb of the Unknowns is guarded _____ hours a day, _____ days a year by Tomb Guard _____.

D. From "Gardens showcase Luther Burbank's accomplishments" (page 6)

1. Name two of the plants that Burbank introduced that are still enjoyed today.
2. In the garden there is a photograph of Luther Burbank with _____ and _____.

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

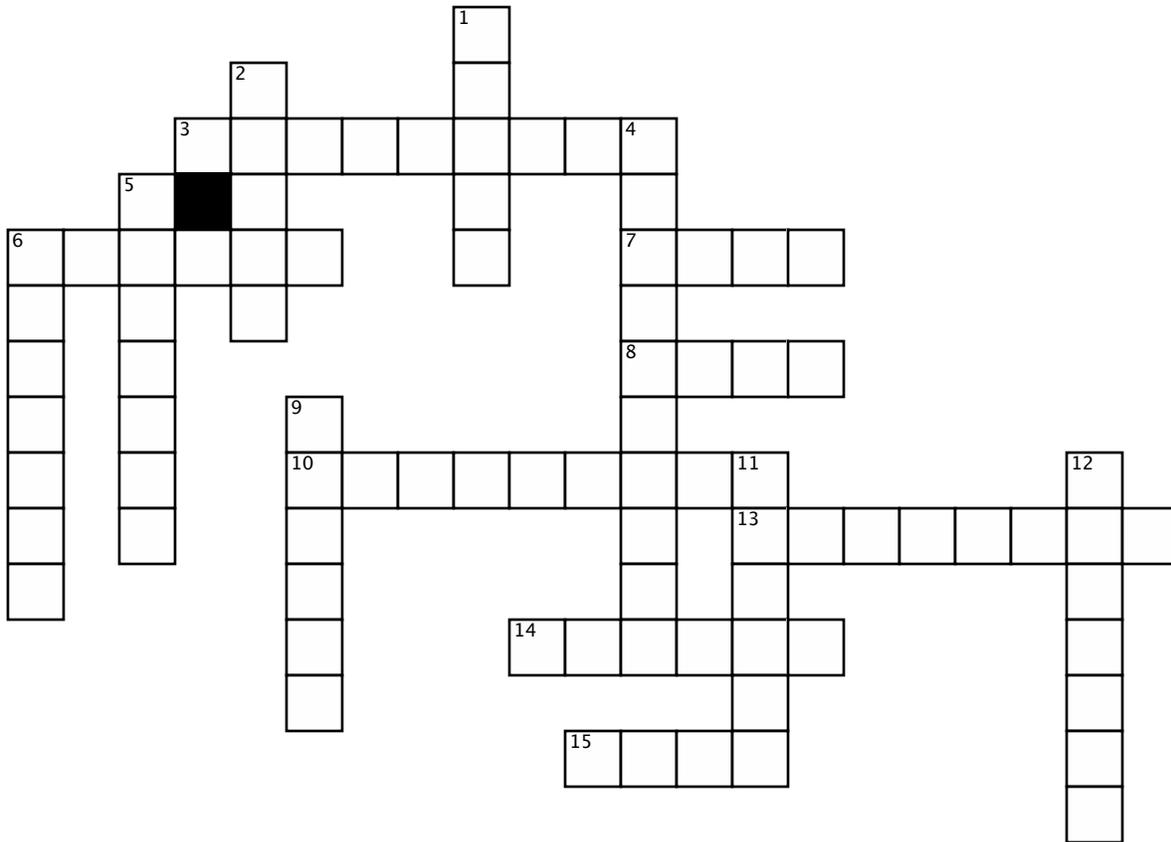
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the June issue is May 22.

One of the themes for the May issue is Father's Day. Send stories about important men in your life. Also send stories about your library (see Ed. note p. 4), sports, pets, gardens, your city, your hobbies, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: break, canvas, cobwebs, device, everyday, evil, exhausted, gossip, groceries, hurry, manhunt, ongoing, rude, secret, spectators, text

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*All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP*



Across

3. Where do you and your family buy your food and other household things? Where do you buy your _____?
6. She always brings her _____ bags to the market. The thick rough cloth bags can be used for many years.
7. We say that people who do extremely bad, wicked things are _____.
8. Do you like to send and receive _____ messages that have been typed on a cell phone? Or do you prefer to talk on the phone?
10. After running a marathon, the runners are extremely tired; they are _____.
13. Some people post _____ details of their lives on Facebook. They describe things that form regular parts of their lives.
14. When you talk or write about other people's actions and sometimes in an untruthful way, it is called _____.
15. Is it _____ to be talking to one person and texting someone else at the same time? Is it behaving in an impolite way?

Down

1. When you don't have a lot of time to get something done, you have to do it in a _____. You have to do it in a rush or at a fast pace.
2. Do you have any habits that you want to end or change? Do you want to _____ your unhealthy habits?
4. The people who watch sporting events are called _____.
5. The investigation will continue. It is _____.
6. I need to clean my house. There are _____ everywhere! I need to get rid of the nets of thin, sticky threads made by spiders.
9. To let the cat out of the bag means to repeat a _____ to others. Don't tell others hidden information.
11. The woman had a hands-free _____ and earpiece so she could talk on her phone while driving.
12. There was _____ search by the police for the suspects in the bombing. There was a _____.