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May 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. A museum dedicated to the _____ of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will open on May 21. (p. 1)
2. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the _____ Battle of Puebla that took place on May 5, 1862. (p. 3)
3. In the United States, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the _____ in May. (p. 3)
4. The western part of the transcontinental _____ was constructed mainly by Chinese workers. (p. 3)
5. A record 33.7 million Hispanics of Mexican _____ lived in the United States in 2012. (p. 3)
6. Memorial Day is a _____ holiday that is observed on the _____ of May. (p. 4)
7. The Kentucky Derby is called "the _____ in sports." (p. 5)
8. The Indy 500 race covers _____ miles or _____ laps on the famous _____ mile oval race track. (p. 5)
9. The U.S. celebrates Older American Month to honor older Americans for their _____. (p. 5)
10. "Saving Mr. Banks" is a story about the author of " _____ " and the movie producer _____. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "9/11 Museum opens in May in New York City" (pages 1 and 2)

1. During the six-day dedication period the museum will be open _____ for family members, rescue and recovery workers and others directly affected by the 2001 attacks.
2. At the memorial plaza visitors can see two huge _____ and _____ where the Twin Towers once stood.

B. From "Memorial Day is May 26" (page 4, story and captions)

1. Memorial Day is a day of _____ the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
2. The U.S. Navy Seabees are naval mobile _____ troops.

C. From "Sports: Horse racing" (page 5)

1. The Kentucky Derby is also called "The Run for the _____" because they place a _____ of roses on the winning horse.
2. Write two names of race horses that may run in the Kentucky Derby this year. _____ and _____.

D. From "DVD reviews: *Mary Poppins* and *Saving Mr. Banks*" (page 7)

1. In the *Mary Poppins* movie there is _____ and _____ that is still entertaining today.
2. The title *Saving Mr. Banks* refers to the _____ in the *Mary Poppins* story.

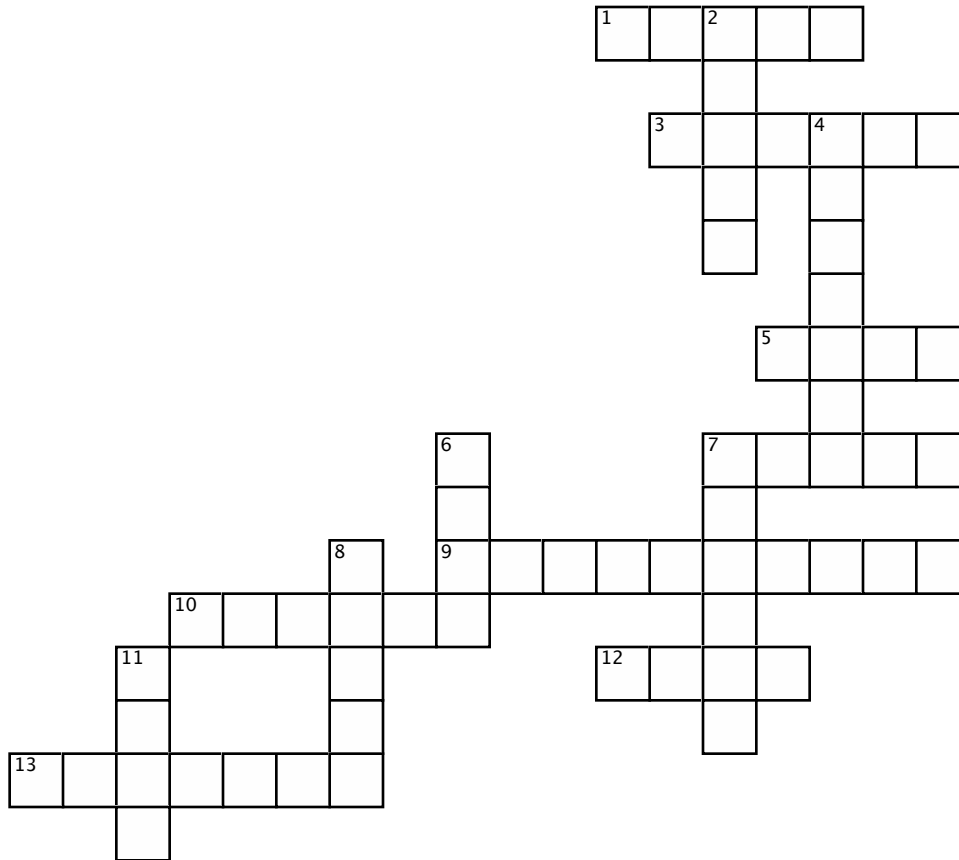
III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why?

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the June issue is May 21. Send us stories about important men in your life, graduations or weddings. Tornado season has just started. Tell us if you have had any experiences with these storms. We'd like to hear your thoughts about immigration reform and citizenship. Other topics include your hobby, pet, job, special talent, and home town or country.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: amusing, avoid, coward, curb, floats, kite, lasted, light, miss, nanny, nursery, over, successful, tease,

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All words are from
VOCABULARY HELP



Across

1. The boys used to _____ their father. They used to make fun of him in a joking way.
3. A person without courage is called a _____.
5. Have you ever flown a _____? Have you ever played with a toy that goes up in the air while you hold onto its string?
7. Jockeys must be _____ to ride horses in races. They can't be heavy.
9. Anna Jarvis was _____ when Congress established the Mother's Day holiday. She reached her goal.
10. Mary Poppins _____ down from the sky holding her magic umbrella. She moves through the air.
12. It takes about two minutes for the race to be _____. The race is finished, done or ended in two minutes.
13. A room set up for children is called a _____. This is where they play and sleep.

Down

2. A person who "walks on eggshells" is trying to _____ a disagreeable situation. He or she wants to stay away from unpleasantness.
4. When something makes you laugh or smile, you can say that it is _____.
6. She will _____ her family when she goes away to college. She will feel sad and wish they were with her.
7. The Cinco de Mayo Battle of Puebla _____ four hours. It continued for four hours.
8. They hired a _____ to take care of the children.
11. When there is a parade in the street, some people like to sit on the _____. They sit on the edge of the sidewalk.